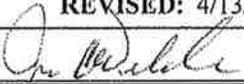


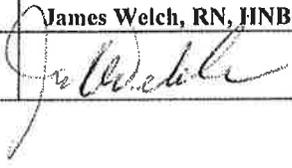
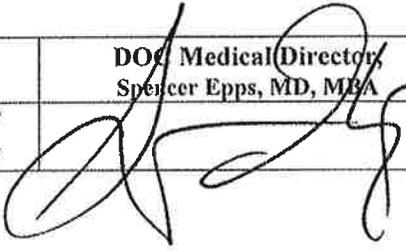
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	<p>SUBJECT:</p> <p>OFFENDER WORKERS</p>	
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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services (BCHS)
- II. PURPOSE: To define use of offender workers in healthcare area.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See glossary.
- V. POLICY:
 1. Offender workers are not used to:
 - a. Perform direct patient care services.
 - b. Schedule healthcare appointments.
 - c. Determine access of other offenders to healthcare.
 - d. Handle or have access to:
 1. Surgical instruments
 2. Syringes
 3. Needles
 4. Medications
 5. Medical Records
 - e. Operate diagnostic or therapeutic equipment except as part of a vocational program.

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- f. Offender workers should not handle biohazardous waste unless they have received appropriate training and have been offered hepatitis vaccine according to OSHA standards. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be provided for the discharge of these duties.
2. Offender works (offender assistants) duties may include:
 - a. Peer support and education
 - b. Hospice activities
 - c. Assisting impaired offenders on a one - to - one basis with activities of daily living
 - d. Serving as a suicide buddy if program is offered and after training
 - e. Janitorial and other duties not included in #1 above
 3. The correctional staff supervises offender workers.

Approval:

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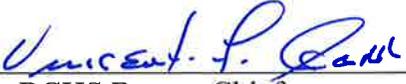
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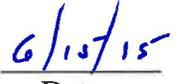
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I have reviewed this policy and it is scheduled revision.



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