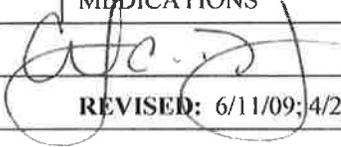


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APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Psychiatrist receives timely notification of noncompliance and/or other medication-related problems when offender is prescribed a psychotropic medication.
- 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. Nursing staff administering medication will monitor compliance and medication-related problems of offenders prescribed psychotropic medication. Nursing staff will notify psychiatrist of compliance problems in a timely manner.
 2. Psychiatrists are encouraged to order lab work to verify medication compliance in instances where uncertainty persists.
 3. Notification of suspicious behavior is made to Security staff and security measures may be implemented (e.g., increased schedule of shakedowns, etc.), as deemed appropriate.
 4. Nursing staff will refer the offender to be seen by the prescribing physician via a written referral the following occurs:

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- a. The MAR indicates that the offender has missed or refused three (3) or more consecutive doses of medication; missed or refused doses of a medication on three (3) consecutive days; or has a pattern of missed doses.
 - b. The offender reports or exhibits medication side effects requiring psychiatric attention.
 - c. The medication order will expire within 14 days.
5. The psychiatrist is contacted by phone if the situation requires immediate attention. Documentation of this conversation is made in the offender medical record.
 6. For crushing psychotropic medications, please refer to Policy D 02.7, Crushed Medications.
 7. Mental health staff will document issues in a progress note and the psychiatrist will document new or changed orders in the physician order's section of the medical record.

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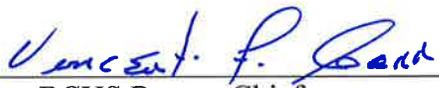
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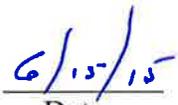
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I have reviewed this policy and it is scheduled to be revised.



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