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<p>CHAPTER: 11 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES</p>	<p>RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS: P-G-12, J-G-12/4-4350 (IMPORTANT)</p>	
<p>APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:</p>	<p>SUBJECT: CARE FOR TERMINALLY THE ILL</p>	
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<p>APPROVED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE</p>		

- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services (BCHS)
- II. PURPOSE: To address the needs of the terminally ill patient to include pain management and early release when possible
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See policy.
- V. POLICY:
 1. Terminally ill offenders are provided palliative treatment focused on symptom control and quality of life issues, rather than attempting to cure a condition. Treatment will include, but not be limited to, appropriate and adequate pain management.
 2. Whenever possible, terminally ill offenders are offered referral to a Hospice Care Program.
 3. When an individual condition may make the patient eligible for a sentence modification or parole based on their clinical status, the responsible physician will inform BCHS of diagnosis, prognosis, special needs, current treatment plan and any other considerations to assure eligibility for one of the above.
 4. DOC will maintain and monitor appropriate contracts for hospice care according to community standards.

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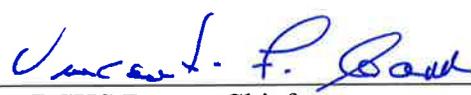
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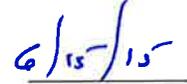
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I have reviewed this policy and it is to be incorporated into BCHS Policy E-12, Continuity of Care.



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