

	CORRECTIONS MEDICINE Emergency Services ACA Standard: 4 ALDF – 4C – 08	
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide treatment of any acute or life endangering disease, injury, or condition that requires immediate attention or that cannot be deferred until the next scheduled sick call.

- II. **POLICY:** Emergency medical and dental care is available 24-hours a day seven (7) days a week. Response to emergency calls for aid is immediate. Corrections Medicine staff shall be trained and certified in CPR techniques. Emergency procedures shall be instituted if necessary.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All Corrections Medicine staff are responsible for the content of this policy and procedures as well as adherence to the policy.

- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 1. Upon recognition of a need for emergency care, Corrections Medicine staff are notified regarding location and type of condition. The Department of Justice Services (DJS) corrections officers may contact a nurse directly, or make a radio call which indicates an emergency requiring the medical team to respond.

 2. Staff shall assess the condition, check circulation, airway, assess for any bleeding sites, and render the appropriate procedures to sustain life-support treatment. Corrections Medicine shall instruct DJS staff to call 9-1-1 if emergency medical services (EMS) is required.

 3. If 9-1-1 is called for emergency medical service, the patient shall be transported to the emergency department per EMS protocol based on the condition of the patient. The medical provider on-call will be notified of all emergencies that require transport to a hospital emergency department or other inpatient facility.

 4. The emergency department will be notified that the patient is being transported and a report of the patient’s condition will be given by the medical staff.

 5. The patient shall be accompanied to the hospital by DJS security personnel. The nurse will provide a transfer form with pertinent information regarding medications, medical history, and details of the incident and current medical condition requiring emergency department care.

 6. All information regarding the incident shall be recorded in the electronic medical record by the nursing staff and medical providers.

- V. **REFERENCE:**
 National Commission on Correctional Health Care; Standards for Health Services in Jails; 2018