

5-46/000.00 - Identification and Processing of Developmentally Disabled Inmates

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the identification and processing of developmentally disabled inmates at the Inmate Reception Center (IRC).

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at IRC.

ORDER

Developmentally Disabled

Developmentally disabled refers to those persons who have a disability which originates before an individual attains age eighteen (18) and the disability continues, or can be expected to continue indefinitely. This term includes intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism, as well as disabling conditions found to be closely related to intellectual disability or require treatment similar to that required for intellectually disabled individuals.

Processing

Custody Health Services (CHS) personnel assigned to IRC have numerous procedures in place for the identification, housing, and treatment of inmates who are developmentally disabled. Inmates processed through IRC undergo screening for developmental disabilities, as well as other medical issues, by CHS personnel as part of the intake process.

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When custody personnel believe an inmate appears to be developmentally disabled, and have reason to believe the inmate has not yet been identified by CHS personnel, they shall immediately refer the inmate to CHS. Custody personnel shall disclose the reason for the referral, whether it was due to observed behaviors or through the inmate's self-identification as a Regional Center client.

If the inmate is identified as possibly developmentally disabled prior to the completion of the inmate's medical database process, a verbal notification to CHS personnel is sufficient. However, if the inmate is identified as possibly developmentally disabled after their medical and mental health assessment has been completed by CHS personnel, custody personnel shall complete a Behavioral Observation and Mental Health Referral (BOMHR) form (SH-J-407). In both cases, an entry shall be made into the electronic Uniform Daily Log (e-UDAL) of the location where the inmate was first identified by personnel.

Administrative Segregation

Custody personnel shall provide administrative segregation for all inmates believed to be developmentally disabled. When the disability is believed to be minor enough that the risk to the inmate's safety is minor, custody personnel shall have the inmate sit near the IRC clinic deputy booth to allow for direct visual observation until the inmate's medical and mental health processing has been completed. If the disability is observed to be severe enough to cause concern over the inmate's safety, placing the inmate in a temporary holding cell should be considered. Every effort should be made to expedite the inmate through the medical and mental health process and to escort the inmate to the appropriate housing location.

Inmates Positively Identified As Developmentally Disabled

Once an inmate has been positively identified as developmentally disabled, custody personnel will be provided with a completed BOMHR form (SH-J-407) from medical personnel. The form will clearly indicate the inmate's positive identification as developmentally disabled.

Developmentally disabled inmates shall be issued a [REDACTED TEXT], replacing their previous wristband. An entry will be made by custody personnel into the inmate's Automated Jail Information System [REDACTED TEXT] screen indicating developmentally disabled housing is required. Medical personnel will ultimately determine the appropriate housing location for developmentally disabled inmates.

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Notification of Regional Center Liaison

When an inmate is suspected or confirmed to be developmentally disabled, CHS personnel will contact the Twin Towers Regional Center Liaison at [REDACTED TEXT].

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