

5-08-010 Medical Services Definitions/Procedures

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

To define the medical services available to inmates at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

ORDER:

The following are a list and description of the medical services available at TTCF:

Sick Call

Allows inmates access to medical personnel for treatment of minor ailments. The nurse shall interview the inmate in the housing area and determine if any treatment or further examination by medical staff is necessary. Sick call is regularly scheduled on day shift, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If an inmate requires medical attention during other hours, he may contact his module officer who will immediately arrange for the inmate to be seen by a nurse.

Pill Call

Allows inmates who take daily medication to receive their medication and have access to medical services. A nurse will dispense the medications as prescribed by a physician.

Treatment Line

Allows inmates who are in need of a specific medical treatment(s), e.g., blood pressure check, dressing change, weight check, x-rays, etc., access to this treatment on an out-patient basis. This can be done on the floors in the medical examination rooms.

Doctors Line

Allows access to a physician to inmates who have been screened by the nurse and referred for further treatment.

Dental Line

Allows inmates access to a dentist for examination or treatment.

Lab Work Line

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Allows lab test(s), as ordered by a physician, for inmates being treated by the Medical Services Staff.

Psychiatric Line

Allows inmates access to Mental Health Services. A mental health evaluation may be requested by the inmate, Medical Services Staff, TTCF staff, and friends or family of the inmate.

In-Patient Care

Inmates with sub-acute conditions shall be housed in the Medical Services Building. They will remain there, receiving residential care, until their status improves sufficiently to allow them to be housed in a general population or medical module.

Medical Isolation for Contagious Diseases

Inmates identified as having certain contagious diseases shall be isolated in designated housing for their safety and that of other inmates and staff.

Pregnant Inmates

Pregnant Inmates shall be housed on the lower level and given a lower bunk.

Medical Emergencies

An emergency medical response can be made to any area within the TTCF, twenty-four hours a day. Responding nursing personnel will provide triage and other acute care pending transportation of the inmate to a facility clinic. Los Angeles City Fire paramedics may also be summoned based on the severity of the medical emergency. If the ill or injured inmate requires care beyond that available at the TTCF, he can be transported, via ambulance, to County U.S.C. Medical Center (LCMC).
