3-04/025.20 PREA - Support Services for Inmate Victims of Sexual Abuse

All inmate victims of sexual abuse shall be provided with prompt emergency and crisis intervention services from medical and mental health providers, and victim advocates. Treatment services for victims shall be provided without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Each facility shall provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers to rape crisis organizations. For persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes, immigrant service agency information will be provided.

The facility shall inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications may be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

The Department shall maintain memorandums of understandings with service providers and rape crisis centers. Each facility shall enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies in as confidential a manner as possible.

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