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**PURPOSE:** To establish procedures for the provision of appropriate health care during lockdowns.

**POLICY:** During lockdown of inmates, health services operations will be modified as necessary to ensure the provision of needed health care that cannot be appropriately postponed to a later date.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I. Urgent and emergent medical, dental and mental health services will be provided for all inmates at appropriate locations.
- II. To ensure medications are delivered during period of lockdown, the Facility Medical Director may authorize a 24 hour supply of medications to be delivered once daily to the inmates cell side. Injectable medications should be administered at a designated patient care area. Refer to the Pharmacy Policy and Procedure 40-15.
- III. Needed services that cannot be appropriately postponed will be provided. This is to include medication distribution and a modified sick call operation.
- IV. **LOCKDOWN LESS THAN 72 HOURS:**  
The above procedures assume lockdown period of less than seventy-two (72) hours. In a lengthier lockdown period the curtailment of medical, dental and mental health services may jeopardize inmate health care.
- V. **LOCKDOWN GREATER THAN 72 HOURS:**  
In the event the lockdown exceeds seventy-two hours, the facility health authority/management team will coordinate with the facility warden or designee to make special arrangements for the continuation of services to meet the requirements of TDCJ Health Services Policy E-37.1 and G-51.1. When a lockdown extends greater than seventy-two (72) hours, the inmates must be observed by a qualified health care provider a minimum of three (3) times weekly. Documentation of rounds will follow the procedure outlined for Restrictive Housing rounds.
- VI. During lockdown, sick call requests (SCR) will continue to be screened by qualified health care staff within 24 hours of receipt. Inmates with complaints of recent seizure, altered mental status, suicidal ideation, chest pain, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, abdominal pain, or other possible emergent or urgent conditions, will be afforded immediate access to health services for assessment in the medical department or designated treatment area. Requests not judged to require an urgent/emergent evaluation will be scheduled for an appointment within 14 calendar days of receipt of the SCR and the inmate will be informed by written response.
- VII. Appropriate reevaluation of all outpatient appointments is to be made. Needed services that

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cannot be appropriately rescheduled for a later date must be provided as scheduled.

- VIII. Routine follow up appointments for medical, mental health and dental services will be reviewed by the practitioner to determine whether the appointment can be appropriately rescheduled. Scheduled appointments that cannot be postponed will be seen in a location determined to be appropriate by the health care provider.
- IX. Special security transportation for medical reasons will increase if necessary. All personnel will appropriately adjust routine bus, van, and ambulance transportation systems. Specialty clinic appointments must not be canceled unless ordered by the Medical Director of the inmate's current unit of assignment.
- X. Any lockdown period of 72 hours or greater resulting in the suspension of normal clinic operations, should be reported to the TDCJ Division Director of Health Services or designee by the unit health administrator (TTUHSC)/facility practice manager (UTMB).

Reference: TDCJ Administrative Directive AD-03.31 - Unit Lockdown Procedures  
ACA Performance Standard & Expected Practice 5-6A-4346 Clinical Services