

WRITTEN AND VERBAL ORDERS

STANDARD NO(S):

NYSSACAS 144

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REFER TO:

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility policy and guidelines pertaining to the use of verbal and written orders for medical treatment.

II. POLICY:

Clinical treatment is performed pursuant to written or verbal orders signed by personnel who are authorized by state practice laws within the State of New York to write medical orders.

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, psychiatrists and dentists are generally the individuals who are authorized to write medical orders. State law will be followed regarding whose orders require co-signature by the physician.

Verbal orders are signed in accordance with state law, but at least within seventy-two (72) hours.

III. DETAILS:

- A. All orders for medical treatment are written in the inmate's chart.
- B. All orders include the date, time, inmate's name, date of birth, and known allergies. If the inmate has no allergies, NKA is to be written on the order sheet.
- C. All medication orders require in addition to the above requirements, the name of the drug, the dosage, the route, frequency and duration.
- D. All orders are noted and signed off with date and time by a licensed nurse.