

ACCESS TO CUSTODY INFORMATION

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility's policy and procedure for the accessing of custody information by medical staff.

II. POLICY:

The physician or his/her designee will have access to information in the inmate's confinement record that is relevant to the inmate's health and course of treatment.

Specific information is also shared on a selective basis with correctional staff regarding the inmate's health status when it is relevant to do so and there is a "need to know" on the part of the correctional staff subject to laws and regulations imposed by the New York State Commission of Corrections.

The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for providing the nurse with a list of Corrections staff who are eligible to request and receive inmate health information.

III. DETAILS:

- A. Information with regards to an inmate's health condition which should be considered for housing and worker assignments and/or participation in facility programs will be provided by the Health Services staff to the appropriate Corrections staff in the form of a completed "Special Needs Form."
- B. Correctional staff will keep Health Services staff informed of potentially violent or dangerous inmates.
- C. The Facility Physician and nursing staff will have access to an inmate's confinement record when they believe such information would be relevant to the inmate's health and course of treatment.