

## **ECTOPARASITE CONTROL**

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### **I. OBJECTIVE:**

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility policy and guidelines for dealing with ectoparasite (lice) control

### **II. POLICY:**

The Jail Physician establishes and approves ectoparasitic control procedures that are used to treat inmates found to have ectoparasites including procedures for disinfection of clothing and bedding.

All inmates are evaluated for the presence of ectoparasites during the receiving screening and anytime thereafter that it is indicated.

Prior to choosing treatment, consideration is given to the individual inmate regarding the presence of any open wounds; allergies, seizure disorders, pregnancy, respiratory ailments, or other conditions that may contraindicate use of the established treatment procedure.

It is the policy that each inmate is to be evaluated individually in regard to the need for ectoparasitic treatment and that all inmates are not routinely treated upon admission.

### **III. DETAILS:**

- A.** Each newly admitted inmate will be evaluated for the presence of ectoparasites at the time of the Health Assessment Evaluation screening process.
- B.** Inmates found to have ectoparasitic infestations will be instructed that all articles of clothing, bedding, and towels must be bagged and appropriately marked for disinfection.
- C.** The inmates should be instructed to take a shower, using hot water and soap.

- D.** The treatment regiment prescribed by the physician is then carried out.
- E.** For body infestation, the lotion ordered by the physician is applied from the neck down on the whole body, except for the head and face and is generally left on for a prescribed period (8 – 12 hrs) of time before being removed by thorough washing in the shower or bath.
- F.** For head and pubic infestations, the prescribed agent is given to the inmate to apply liberally to the affected areas and the inmate is given specific instructions regarding how long the solution is to remain on prior to rinsing.
- G.** The inmate's clothing and bedding should be bagged up by the inmate and marked for delousing. The housing cell will also be disinfected and the inmate is issued new clothing and bedding.
- H.** The inmate is instructed to return to the health services unit in seventy-two (72) hours for a follow-up visit.
- I.** Physical findings and delousing instructions are documented in the inmate's health record at the time of treatment. The inmate's condition and response to treatment is documented in the health record when he is re-evaluated at seventy-two hours after treatment is initiated.