

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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### I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility's policy and guidelines for providing emergency medical services to inmates.

### II. POLICY:

Medical staff will respond to medical emergencies whenever an urgent medical need is identified by a health staff member or a correctional staff member.

Nursing staff will respond by reporting to the area of the medical emergency with necessary emergency equipment and supplies.

Emergency equipment and supplies are regularly maintained and accessible to health staff at all times.

The inmate will be stabilized on-site and then transferred to an appropriate health care unit if necessary.

The on-call physician will be notified as soon as possible.

The nursing staff member in charge will determine if the inmate needs to be transported to a local emergency room and will communicate this to the correctional staff and will ensure that the appropriate mode of transportation has been arranged i.e. ambulance, patrol car or corrections transport vehicle.

A list of names and phone numbers of persons to be called in the event of an emergency are readily available to health staff at all times.

III. DETAILS:

- A.** All health staff personnel are oriented to Emergency Services at the time of their initial orientation as a new employee. Annual training is conducted as part of the in-service training program for all health service staff.
- B.** Emergency equipment and supplies are readily available at all times and are replenished after each use and checked on a regular basis.
- C.** Ambulances are accessed by calling central control.
- D.** The shift supervisor will be contacted and informed of any medical emergency.
- E.** Decisions regarding the on-site treatment and the need for emergency transportation are made by the health service staff.
- F.** Whenever possible, the physician on call is notified prior to transporting the inmate to the hospital. However, in the event of a life-threatening emergency, the inmate is sent to the hospital in the most expedient way possible and this may require notifying the physician after the inmate has been transported.
- G.** All transports will be conducted in accordance with security procedures.