



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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CD-036300 Employee Health Screening and  
Nursing Mother Break Time

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## AUTHORITY:

NMSA 1978, Section 33-1-6, as amended.

## REFERENCES:

- A. ACA Standard 2-CO-1C-19, *Manual of Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.
- B. ACA Expected Practice 5-1C-4062, *Performance Based Expected Practices for Adult Correctional Institutions*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- C. *NCCHC-Standards for Health Services in Prisons*, #P-22, P-40.
- D. *JCAHO Accreditation Manual for Hospitals*, 1988, MA.1.6.
- E. NMSA 1978, Section 28-20-2, as amended.

## PURPOSE:

To delineate the provision of medical care to the New Mexico Corrections Department employees and independent contractors.

## APPLICABILITY:

All staff of the New Mexico Corrections Department and independent contractors.

## FORMS:

None

## ATTACHMENTS:

None

## DEFINITION:

*Emergency*: A medical condition or problem in which a delay will jeopardize the life or safety of the patient.

**POLICY:**

- A. Employees who have direct contact with inmates shall receive a physical examination prior to job assignment. All other employees shall receive a medical screening prior to job assignment. Employees receive reexamination according to a defined need or schedule. [2-CO-1C-19] [5-1C-4062]
- B. The New Mexico Corrections Department, through the medical vendor for the NMCD, will provide medical services to employees and contract employees as outlined below:
- Entrance physical examinations for new Correctional Officers through the New Mexico Corrections Training Academy (NMCTA).
  - Entrance physical exams for Probation and Parole Officers through the local public prison facilities.
  - Emergency services.
  - Triage and referral of non-emergency complaints.
- C. To foster the ability of a nursing mother who is an employee, volunteer, private or public employee of other agencies/companies doing work for the department, or contractor hired directly by the department, to use a breast pump in the workplace, the Department shall provide the following upon request:
1. A space for using a breast pump that is:
    - a. clean and private;
    - b. near the employee or person's workspace; and
    - c. not a bathroom.
  2. Flexible break times.
  3. The Department shall not be liable for:
    - a. storage or refrigeration of breast milk;
    - b. payment for a nursing mother's break time in addition to established employee or other designated breaks; or
    - c. payment of overtime while a nursing mother is using a breast pump.