



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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CD-170103 Intoxication, Detoxification, Withdrawal and  
Substance Use Disorder Treatment

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## AUTHORITY:

Policy *CD-170100*

## PROCEDURE: INTOXICATION, WITHDRAWAL, DETOXIFICATION, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

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- A. The Contract Vender Regional Medical Director and NMCD Medical Director will approve specific protocols for the observation and treatment of inmates undergoing withdrawal. Detoxification protocols are current and are consistent with current standards of care. Treatment of inmates under the influence of alcohol and other drugs will be consistent with standards of care.
- B. All inmates will be initially screened for dependence on or history of alcohol or drugs during the Receiving Screening process at designated reception and diagnostic center facilities.
- C. Detoxification from alcohol, opiates, hypnotics, other stimulants, and sedative hypnotic drugs is conducted at designated locations under medical supervision or is conducted in a hospital or community detoxification center.
- D. Detoxification protocols will be initiated as soon as the potential for withdrawal is assessed.
- E. Inmates who experience severe, life-threatening intoxication, withdrawal or are deemed at risk for progression to more severe levels of intoxication or withdrawal shall be immediately transferred to the nearest licensed acute care facility. The following conditions may indicate such a progression:
  - 1. Nausea and/or vomiting;
  - 2. Tremors, tremulousness or agitation;
  - 3. Known drug abuser;
  - 4. Past history of seizure and drug abuse;
  - 5. Auditory and/or visual hallucinations;
  - 6. Sweating, fever, fast pulse;
  - 7. Seizures; and
  - 8. Confusion.
- F. Inmates who are deemed as needing detoxification will be housed at CNMCF-LTCU or at WNMCF-North until detoxification is complete.
- G. Pregnant or lactating inmates who have a history of opiate use will be referred to the

responsible provider for the appropriate assessment and treatment.

- H. Newly arrived inmates who are currently using methadone as a form of treatment will be evaluated and assessed by the responsible provider for the appropriate treatment plan.
- I. Initial and ongoing assessment will be conducted and documented on an approved form and placed in the inmate's health record.
- J. Medication Assisted Treatment/Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MAT/MOUD) Program
  - 1. The Medical Vendor's Regional Medical Director and NMCD Medical Director or designee will approve specific protocols for the implementation of a MAT/MOUD program for inmates.
  - 2. MAT/MOUD protocols shall be consistent with current standards of care. Treatment of inmates with substance use disorder will be consistent with community standards of care while taken into consideration facility specificity and availability of resources while incarcerated and community resources upon discharge.
  - 3. NMCD Medical Director or designee in collaboration with the Medical Vendor's Medical Director shall conduct MAT/MOUD program reviews and make necessary adjustments to meet the needs of inmates and resource availability.