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AUTHORITY:

- A. NMSA 1978, Section 33-1-6.
- B. Policy *CD-010100*.

REFERENCES:

- A. ACA Standard 5-ACI-6B-08, *Performance Based Standards and Expected Practices for Adult Correctional Institution*, 5th Edition.
- B. NCCHC - *Standards for Health Care in Prisons*, P-18, P-19, P-20, and P-22.

PURPOSE:

To provide training guidelines for correctional and other personnel who may respond to health-related emergency situations.

APPLICABILITY:

All employees of the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) assigned to a duty that includes inmate supervision.

FORMS:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DEFINITIONS:

- A. *Health Care Authority*: The medical director or health services administrator for an institution who has been so designated by the vendor and NMCD, as appropriate.
- B. *Training Officer*: The person designated by the Warden to coordinate and provide training to all employees within a prison facility.

POLICY:

- A. Designated correctional and health care staffs are trained to respond to health-related situations within a four-minute response time. The training program is conducted on an annual basis and is established by the responsible Health Care Authority in cooperation with the facility or program administrator and includes instruction on the following: **[5-ACI-6B-08]**
- recognition of signs and symptoms, and knowledge of action required in potential emergency situations
 - administration of basic first aid
 - certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in accordance with the recommendations of the certifying health organization
 - methods of obtaining assistance
 - signs and symptoms of mental illness, violent behavior, and acute chemical intoxication and withdrawal
 - procedures for patient transfers to appropriate medical or mental health facilities or health care providers
 - suicide intervention
 - method of emergency evacuation of the inmate from the facility
 - use of one or more designated hospital emergency rooms or other appropriate health facilities
 - security procedures providing for the immediate transfer of inmates when appropriate
- B. CPR training shall be conducted in accordance with National Safety Council curriculum and training standards. Each individual trained in CPR and First Aid will receive a certification card with the date of course completion. Re-certification is required as stipulated by the agency.
- C. All Corrections Officers will have a current certification in First Aid, CPR, and receive health training to recognize the need for emergency medical care.