



**CORRECTIONS MEDICINE**  
**Notification of Emergencies**  
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To assure communication to the next-of-kin in the event of serious injury or illness requiring hospitalization, or in the event of death.
  
- II. **POLICY:** In the case of a patient having a serious illness, injury, or death, staff from the Department of Justice Services will collaborate with Corrections Medicine to determine when to notify the next-of-kin or emergency contact.
  
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All Corrections Medicine staff are responsible for the content of this policy/ procedure as well as adherence to the policy.
  
- IV. **PROCEDURE:** Saint Louis County Department of Justice Services has in effect a written policy assuming responsibility for notification of next-of-kin or emergency contact regarding a patient’s emergency condition or death. All Corrections Medicine staff are responsible for the content of Justice Services Policy 839 “Notification of Next-of-Kin for Death or Serious Illness /Injury”.
  
- V. **REFERENCES:**  
American Correctional Association; Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, fourth edition; 2004; Standard ALDF- 4D-12  
  
Department of Justice Services Policy 839 “Notification of Next-of-Kin for Death or Serious Illness /Injury”.