



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE

Provider Orders

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I. **PURPOSE:** To assure all orders from medical, dental and mental health providers are implemented for the diagnosis and treatment of incarcerated individuals at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.

II. **POLICY:** Medical, dental and mental health providers shall authorize diagnostic testing, medication dispensation and treatments through patient-specific verbal orders, written orders, or standing orders. All orders are documented as ordered and implemented by Department of Public Health (DPH) Corrections Medicine staff as written.

Standing orders have been established for use in the treatment of specific complaints and symptoms. Medication and treatment may be initiated by a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) when an RN is present in the building and available to provide consultation using the standing orders approved by the Lead Physician and the DPH Chief Medical Officer.

III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff members working for Corrections Medicine are responsible for the content of and adherence to this policy and procedure.

IV. **PROCEDURE:**

1. Treatments and diagnostic procedures such as medication orders, procedures, laboratory tests, and radiology and specialty clinic referrals must be transmitted and legally authorized by a medical, dental, or mental health providers documented as ordered or performed.
2. Written orders are preferred. When a written order is not possible, a verbal order may be given by a provider. The order must be verbally read back and approved by the physician. All verbal orders will be sent to the provider by the RN or LPN for sign off in the electronic medical record.
3. Standing orders are reviewed by the Lead Physician and the Chief Medical Officer annually. Standing order instructions for administration and treatment for specific complaints and symptoms are written by the Lead Physician and the Chief Medical Officer and are approved to be used by RNs and LPNs.