



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Care of Physically or Mentally Disabled Patients
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide sources of assistance for physically or mentally disabled patients.
- II. **POLICY:** A treatment plan shall be developed for patients who are severely impaired physically and/or mentally and incarcerated at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff members working in the Corrections Medicine program are responsible for the content of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy.
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 - 1. If the patient has severe physical or mental disabilities that may require services not available at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center, the nurse in the intake department may require the patient to be taken to a hospital for an evaluation to determine whether the patient is fit for confinement prior to acceptance into the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.
 - 2. A full health assessment is completed for each patient prior to admission to a housing unit.
 - a. Nursing staff shall communicate to the Department of Justice Services (DJS) any disabilities so that appropriate classification for housing can be determined.
 - b. Severe disabilities may require housing in the Infirmary until a treatment plan can be developed.
 - 3. Patients with severe physical or mental disabilities are discussed at the bi-weekly multi-disciplinary treatment team meeting so that an appropriate treatment plan can be developed.
 - a. Special considerations for medical, mental health and DJS processes are discussed and a plan is developed by all members of the team.
 - b. The treatment plan is documented in the electronic medical record as well as in the integrated jail management system for specific safety and security plans.
 - 4. Resources of assistance for the physically and/or mentally disabled patient include:
 - a. Missouri Department of Mental Health
 - b. The Missouri Interagency Transition Team
 - c. The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council
- V. **REFERENCE:**
American Correctional Association; Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, fourth edition; 2004; Standard 4-ALDF-4C-40.