



**CORRECTIONS MEDICINE**  
**Provision of Treatment – Medical Autonomy**  
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- I. **PURPOSE:** The provision of health care is a joint effort of administrators and health care providers achievable through mutual trust and cooperation.
  
- II. **POLICY:** The Saint Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) Corrections Medicine staff and contractors are subject to the same security regulations as are the other staff members in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center; however, matters of medical, mental and dental health are the sole province of the responsible clinician, under the direction of the Director of DPH, and are not countermanded by non-clinicians.
  
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All Corrections Medicine staff and contracted staff are responsible for the content of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy.
  
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
  - 1. The Responsible Health Authority (RHA) or their designee arranges for the availability and monitoring of health care services in cooperation with the medical provider, psychiatrist, and dentist. The RHA may employ or contract such services.
  
  - 2. The Director of the Saint Louis County Department of Justice Services (DJS) or their designee shall provide the administrative support for accessibility of health care service to patients.
  
  - 3. The RHA or designee shall assure quality patient care by applying the quality improvement utilization review or peer review process as deemed necessary.
  
  - 4. The DJS Custody staff supports the implementation of clinical decisions by transportation to outside clinic appointments and movement within the facility for medical appointments.
  
- V. **REFERENCES:**

National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Standards for Health Services in Jails; Standard J-A-03; 2018

American Correctional Association; Performance Based Standards for Correctional Health Care in Adult Local Detention Facilities; Standard 4-ALDF-4D-02; Fourth Edition; June 2004