

appointment is crucial to the health care of the inmate.

B. Special provisions for inmates of other legal jurisdictions housed at New Hampshire State Prisons

1. Agreements with other jurisdictions require the receiving agency to pay for and provide ordinary regular medical care as they do for all inmates housed in their facilities. Major ailments or illnesses that predated the inmate's arrival here or probably would have happened no matter where the inmate is housed and that are expensive to properly treat will be referred to the sending agency for resolution.
2. When an inmate from another legal jurisdiction requires immediate emergency medical attention for a serious condition that meets the "pre-existing or probably would have happened no matter where housed" criteria, the emergency medical care will be provided and the sending jurisdiction billed later.
3. When an inmate from another legal jurisdiction requires medical attention beyond "ordinary medical care" but immediate action is not necessary, the receiving agency will provide the sending agency with the diagnosis, recommended treatment and estimated cost. The sending agency has the option of authorizing the expenditure, retaking the inmate, or refusing to pay. If the sending agency refuses to pay, the receiving agency must reassess the importance of the treatment. If it is considered medically necessary the receiving agency will formally request the sending agency retake the inmate. If the medical treatment can wait or need not be done at all the receiving agency will keep the inmate and do nothing.
4. When advance approval for an outside medical procedure or appointment is necessary the following procedure will be followed:
 - a. The prison medical authority calls the sending agency contact person to describe the medical problem, recommended treatment or examination, and estimated cost.
 - b. Following approval the consult sheet will be annotated as to approving person's name and the regular scheduling process is followed.
 - c. When the bill is received it will be forwarded to the Division of Fiscal Management for collection.
5. When billable emergency treatment is furnished, the bill is forwarded to Fiscal Management with the medical data to be used as confirmation to the sending agency of service provided.
6. The quality of medical care should not be reduced or delayed because of billing problems. Telephonic notifications and requests for approval should be used as appropriate.

C. Emergency transports

1. If a non life-threatening emergency arises outside normal working hours, the nurse on duty will notify the shift commander.
2. The nurse on duty will determine whether the inmate is to be transported by prison correctional officers in a vehicle or whether the inmate's condition warrants transportation by ambulance.
3. In cases of a life-threatening emergency, PPD 6.47, Emergency Medical Response, will be followed.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition. Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services
Third Edition. Standards

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Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
Fourth Edition Standards
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Standards for Adult Residential Community Services
Fourth Edition Standards

Other

PPD 6.47 Emergency Medical Response