

NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE	CHAPTER <u>Health Services</u> STATEMENT NUMBER <u>6.51</u>
SUBJECT: HUNGER STRIKE/HEALTH MANAGEMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE <u>06/15/14</u>
PROPONENT: <u>Helen Hanks, Administrative Dir.</u> <i>Name/Title</i>	REVIEW DATE <u>06/15/15</u>
<u>Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707</u> <i>Office Phone #</i>	SUPERSEDES PPD# <u>6.51</u>
	DATED <u>01/01/06</u>
ISSUING OFFICER:	DIRECTOR'S INITIALS _____
	DATE _____
<u>William Wrenn, Commissioner</u>	APPENDIX ATTACHED:
	YES _____ NO _____
REFERENCE NO: See reference section on last page of PPD.	

- I. **PURPOSE:**
To provide for consistent management and health monitoring of an inmate on a hunger strike.
- II. **APPLICABILITY:**
To all staff
- III. **POLICY:**
It is the policy of the Department of Corrections that:
- A. Those individual inmates who refuse to eat will be monitored for changes in health status with physician ordered medical interventions as clinically indicated.
 - B. In life-threatening cases, the Court will be petitioned for approval to force feed those in danger of death as a result of refusal to eat.
 - C. Mass hunger strikes will be managed both as an overall security management concern and a health status concern.
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
- A. **Individual Hunger Strike**
 1. Security:
When an inmate has made a clear statement not to eat or has been observed not to have eaten food for six (6) meals, security staff will:
 - a. Initiate the hunger strike log (Attachment 1);
 - b. Complete an incident report;
 - c. Notify the Health Services on-duty nurse;
 - d. Notify the Warden; and
 - e. Notify the Investigations Unit.
 2. Nursing:
Upon notification, nursing staff will:
 - a. Initiate a Refusal to Eat flowsheet;
 - b. Notify the on- call physician/Chief Medical Officer by the next MD duty day or as clinically indicated;

- c. Complete a health status baseline;
- d. Assess daily with interventions as clinically indicated; and
- e. Admit as clinically indicated to Health Services inpatient for continued observation and evaluation by the physician.

3. Medical

Upon notification, the Physician will:

- a. Review the health record for current health concerns and health status impact of refusal to eat;
- b. Write for a dietary consult;
- c. Prescribe medical treatment as indicated;
- d. Review the Refusal to Eat flowsheet every three (3) days or as clinically requested/indicated;
- e. Determine when to admit to a health services inpatient center for more intense observation, monitoring, and/or treatment;
- f. Notify the Administrative Director of progress or changes; and
- g. Determine when refusal to eat has become life-threatening and consult with the Administrative Director and DOC legal counsel regarding Court petition to force feed.

B. Mass Hunger Strike

When a group or mass hunger strike occurs, an operational team representing Security, Health, and Administration will be organized for the safe management of both the individuals involved in the hunger strike and the rest of the prison population.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition. Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
Fourth Edition Standards
4-4224

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services
Fourth Edition. Standards

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

Other

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Attachment

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
HUNGER STRIKE LOG

INMATE NAME _____ I.D. _____

D.O.B. _____ HOUSING SITE _____

NOTIFICATIONS:

1. WARDEN: DATE: _____ TIME: _____
2. NURSE: NAME: _____
3. INCIDENT FORM COMPLETED: DATE: _____ TIME: _____

DATE	WEIGHT	BREAK-FAST	LUNCH	DINNER	FLUID INTAKE	C.O. INITIALS
		Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	
		Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	
		Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	
		Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	
		Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	