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PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITY OFFENDERS		

PURPOSE: To establish a process for referring Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP) facility offenders for admission into a mental health inpatient treatment facility.

POLICY: SAFP offenders in need of admission to a psychiatric inpatient facility because of acute mental illness and/or suicidal/self-injurious behavior will be referred to the designated inpatient facility for evaluation and treatment.

PROCEDURE:

I. Offenders will be referred to psychiatric inpatient or crisis management facilities in accordance with Correctional Managed Health Care Policy G-51.6, "Referral of an Offender for Admission into a Mental Health Inpatient Treatment Facility."

During the crisis management stay, a decision will be made whether or not the offender is capable of returning to SAFP programming upon completion of the crisis management or inpatient stay. If not, a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) will notify the SAFP Program Director at the offender's original unit of assignment in accordance with Substance Abuse Treatment Manual Policy 03.12, "Procedures for Program Removal or Transfer".

II. If no definitive decision can be made during crisis management, the offender's admission may be extended in inpatient care for a maximum stay of 30 additional days. During that time a decision about the offender's ability to return to SAFP programming must be made and communicated to the SAFP Program Director from the offender's original unit of assignment.

III. Offenders incapable of returning to SAFP due to mental illness shall remain at the inpatient facility until appropriate placement. Offenders who make significant progress in treatment during this transitory period may be transferred to a Special Needs SAFP in lieu of returning to the sentencing county. Such a transfer will be authorized by the Rehabilitation Programs Division (RPD) Program Supervisor V or designee, and coordinated with the Office of Health Services Liaison.

Reference: Substance Abuse Treatment Manual Policy 03.12, "Procedures for Program Removal or Transfer" Correctional Managed Health Care Policy G-51.6, "Referral of an Offender for Admission into a Mental Health Inpatient Treatment Facility."