

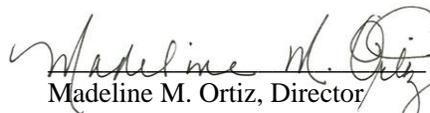
SUBJECT: **HOUSING SPECIAL NEEDS SAFPF OFFENDERS TEMPORARILY AT A REGULAR SAFPF**

APPLICABILITY: Offenders who have been participating in a regular Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF) Program who develop a medical or mental health condition that requires their transfer to a Special Needs SAFPF Program

PURPOSE: To outline timelines and procedures to be followed when a special needs offender must be housed on a regular SAFPF due to Special Needs SAFPF bed temporary non-availability.

PROCEDURES:

- I. After eligibility criteria for program participation has been met and regular needs facility placement has occurred, the need for additional medical evaluation may be determined. Transport offender to the appropriate TDCJ medical/psychiatric facility for screening by Health Services Staff to determine the need for inpatient medical treatment or Axis I diagnosis.
 - A. If special needs are determined, an e-mail shall be sent to the RPD Program Supervisor V (PS V) or designee with documentation follow-up:
 1. The TDCJ Health Services Liaison shall be contacted, with a copy of the e-mail and other documented findings shall be faxed or mailed, if requested.
 2. If the offender has been stabilized and no Special Needs SAFPF bed is available, the TDCJ Health Services Liaison will coordinate with State Classification (SCC) and Rehabilitation Programs Division (RPD) regarding the offender's potential return to original unit of assignment (UOA) pending transfer to a Special Needs SAFPF. The offender may be housed at the original SAFPF of assignment until a Special Needs SAFPF bed has been secured.
 - a. The RPD PS V or designee shall be responsible for notifying the appropriate unit personnel (Warden, Program Director, and Intake Coordinator) of the offender's pending return.
 - b. Once the offender has been returned to the original SAFPF of assignment, the Unit Director of Nurses shall obtain the offender's medication to provide continuity of care.
 - B. The Transitional Coordinator at the original unit of assignment shall coordinate efforts to provide appropriate substance abuse treatment during the offender's temporary stay.
 - C. Once bed space at a Special Needs SAFPF has been secured, the appropriate procedure for transferring offenders from the program for medical or psychological reasons should be followed.
Reference SATOM 08.04


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