

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL	Effective Date: 05/20/2016	NUMBER: A-06.2 Page 1 of 1
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PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL NURSE PEER REVIEW PROCESS		

PURPOSE: To provide an established mechanism for evaluating the appropriateness of nursing services through a peer review process.

POLICY:

- I. Each university and/or subcontracting provider shall maintain a formal nursing peer review plan consistent with applicable provisions of state law, the university plan and/or subcontractor's nursing peer review bylaws, rules and regulations. A copy of the respective nursing peer review plan shall be placed in the nursing services policy and procedure manual and readily available to the nursing staff.
- II. Each nursing peer review committee may receive and review complaints regarding any nurse employed by the respective employer: UTMB Correctional Healthcare, TTUHSC Correctional Healthcare or subcontracting provider.
- III. A request for nursing peer review may be made regarding RNs, LVNs and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) involved in practice related incidents by:
 - RN/LVN/APRNs
 - Other healthcare practitioners
 - Administrative personnel
- IV. All incidents in review and committee findings will be reviewed and/or reported by the chairperson to the respective agency's chief nursing officer.
- V. A copy of the proceedings of the Peer Review Committee and its findings shall be maintained in a secure file as designated by the respective agencies' chairperson of the Peer Review Committee.
- VI. The TDCJ Division Director of Health Services shall appoint an ad hoc member to each university's nursing peer review committee and be notified of the final determination of the nursing peer review committee.
- VII. An annual summary will be prepared and distributed to the TDCJ Division Director of Health Services in January.

Reference: Texas Civil Statutes Article 4525b