**PRIVACY OF CARE**

**PURPOSE:** To define the treatment philosophy of the Health Services Division.

**POLICY:** Comprehensive health care services that meet contemporary national standards of medical, dental and mental health practices are rendered with consideration for the offender's dignity and privacy and in a manner designed to encourage the offender's subsequent use of health services.

**PROCEDURES:**

I. Clinical encounters will be performed in private (i.e., only authorized Health Services staff or Sexual Assault Victim Representative, when appropriate, will be present), with a security chaperon present when the offender poses a probable risk of safety to himself, the health care provider, or others.

II. The photographing or videotaping of medical procedures will be done with the consent of the offender, an exception being a formal Use of Force incident where continual video recording is used to document the entire event.

III. When the presence of security staff is required, visual and auditory privacy should be provided and security staff is to be instructed to keep all health information confidential.

Reference: ACA Standard 4-4403