

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL	Effective Date: 11/19/2018	NUMBER: A-13.1  Page 1 of 1
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<b>PROVIDER PEER REVIEW</b>		

**PURPOSE:** To establish a mechanism for evaluating the appropriateness of provider health services through a peer review process.

**POLICY:**

- I. Peer review is to be conducted in accordance with state law and with the contract(s) between TDCJ and the university providers.
- II. Each university provider shall ensure that a formal medical/dental peer review process is followed consistent with applicable provisions of state law; the university provider's peer review bylaws, rules and regulations; and the correctional health care contracts between the university providers and the TDCJ.
- III. A request for medical/dental peer review may be initiated by university provider Medical/Dental Directors, the TDCJ Division Director for Health Services or the Chairman of the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee or their designees.
- IV. The TDCJ Division Director for Health Services shall appoint a TDCJ representative licensed in the same discipline as an ad hoc member of any university provider's peer review committee that relates directly to health care services provided to TDCJ inmates. The TDCJ Division Director for Health Services will be provided a written summary of peer review matters.
- V. Unless disclosure is required or authorized by law, all proceedings and records of a health care peer review committee are confidential.

Reference: 2008 Standards for Health Services in Prisons,  
Occupational Code Chapter 160, Subchapter A.  
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, Rules and Regulations