ACCESS TO DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

PURPOSE: To identify diagnostic services available to offenders of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

POLICY:

I. Appropriate diagnostic services are provided to offenders within TDCJ.

II. Diagnostic x-ray services and laboratory testing are available at all TDCJ facilities, consistent with the level of care provided. Testing requested and not available on the facility is referred to a higher level of care facility or a reference laboratory.

III. Each unit health administrator (TTUHSC)/Practice Manager (UTMB) maintains a list of the diagnostic x-ray services available and where they are provided. Such lists are included in the facility's copy of the Radiology Procedure Manual.

IV. A complete catalog of laboratory tests available, specimen requirements, instructions as to proper collection and processing, and procedures for the calibration of testing devices is available in the Laboratory Policy and Procedure Manual located in the laboratory area at each facility (#1.3).

Reference: Laboratory Policy and Procedure Manual
Radiology Procedure Manual
ACA Standard 4-4353 (Ref. 3-4343-1), Pregnancy Management (Mandatory)