PURPOSE: To establish a standardized process for the appropriate consultation request to specialty health services for evaluation and/or treatment.

POLICY:

I. Appropriate consultations are approved when a determination is made that an inmate requires specialty services. The inmate is then scheduled in a timely manner for specialty health services evaluation and/or treatment. The three levels of scheduling are:

A. Emergent - immediately
B. Expedite - within 30 days
C. Routine - within 180 days

II. Procedures for this process will be found in each contracting entity’s Utilization Review Manual.

Reference: ACA Standard 4-4349 (New), Transportation
            ACA Standard 4-4398 (Ref. 3-4359), Elective Procedures