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<b>OBTAINING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OFFENDER INFORMATION</b>		

**PURPOSE:** To establish a standardized process for obtaining stability and length of stay information for offenders who are admitted to community hospitals.

**POLICY:**

I. The following procedures will apply for obtaining hospital information when an offender requires care in a community hospital, a coordinated effort will be made to provide the unit medical department with updated information. This is intended to alleviate multiple inquiries to the hospital by unit staff.

- The TTUHSC Utilization Management Department has established procedures for disseminating length of stay information to units within their area. For those units whose medical departments are contracted through the local hospital, designated unit level medical staff will access the information directly from the local hospital. For all other TTUHSC units, the Utilization Management Department will provide information to the medical departments on a daily basis.
- Within the UTMB sector, a provider may contact UTMB-CMC Utilization Review for updated information on the offender's condition and anticipated length of stay in off-site hospitals.
- In the event an offender is admitted to a community hospital poses a serious threat to the safety of the community, the unit Warden or designee will contact the Correctional Institutions Division Director or Deputy Director of Prison and Jail Operations, who will in turn contact the TDCJ Health Services Division Director or the Deputy Medical Director for assistance in obtaining alternative placement for the offender.