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<b>GUIDELINES FOR CLIPPER SHAVE PASS</b>		

PURPOSE: To provide guidance in situations in which a medical determination contradicts shaving.

POLICY: Clipper shave passes are issued to inmates when medically indicated.

PROCEDURES:

- I. Medical providers may issue a clipper shave pass to an inmate when the following medical condition is present in the hair follicle:
  - A. Infection and/or micro abscess formation consistent with acute pseudofolliculitis barbae.
  - B. Evidence of scar tissue resulting from pseudofolliculitis barbae as determined by visual inspection of the beard area.
- II. In the event pseudofolliculitis barbae is diagnosed, a vigorous program of infection control must be instituted.
- III. The clipper shave pass indicates that the inmate does not have to shave, but must keep his facial hair clipped to no more than one-fourth inch in length.
- IV. The clipper shave pass for pseudofolliculitis barbae is valid for the duration of incarceration, unless revoked by a provider determining the condition no longer warrants the pass.
- V. A temporary clipper shave pass should be issued for conditions other than pseudofolliculitis that are not thought to be permanent conditions.
- VI. A list of inmates who require a clipper shave pass will be maintained by the facility health services department.
- VII. The final authority as to whether a clipper shave pass is medically indicated is the medical director of the inmate's current facility of assignment.

Reference: TDCJ-ID Administrative Directive AD-03.83, TDCJ-ID Inmates Who Refuse to Groom (Shave or Cut Their Hair).  
5- 5D – 4343 Hair Cutting Services  
5- 5D – 4342 Bathing and Personal Hygiene