PURPOSE: To describe guidelines for the use of medical lay-ins.

POLICY: Medical lay-ins are provided to offenders who require medically indicated restricted activity.

PROCEDURE:

I. Medical lay-ins are issued by physicians, dentists, mid-level practitioners, registered nurses or licensed vocational nurses for offenders needing medically indicated restricted activity or ones who temporarily cannot perform their assigned job, but who do not need inpatient infirmary or hospital care.

II. Medical lay-ins are issued for specific periods of time. Registered nurses or licensed vocational nurses may issue a lay-in for up to 72 hours. Lay-ins requiring confinement to quarters for longer than 72 hours must be ordered by a physician, mid-level practitioner or dentist and a termination date must be included in the order.

III. Upon expiration of the lay-in, the offender is returned to normal activities or is re-evaluated by the physician, dentist or mid-level practitioner to reissue a lay-in or transfer to a facility with an infirmary or hospital.

IV. Offenders on medical lay-ins must be confined to their cells or dorm bed except to eat, use the toilet, obtain medication, shower and access the facility law library.

V. Issuing staff may re-evaluate the lay-in status of any offender at any time depending on the offender's behavior and activity.

Reference: Administrative Directive, AD-03.62 TDCJ Offender Medical Lay-Ins