# MEDICAL HOLDS

**PURPOSE:** To establish a procedure for ensuring offenders with certain medical conditions have a medical hold placed so that they are not reassigned or transferred without authorization of the unit provider.

**POLICY:** Offenders with certain medical conditions or those who are taking specific medications may require a medical hold be established for specified time periods to ensure availability of certain medications, access to care or continuity of care.

**PROCESS:**

- Offenders with medical conditions (i.e. HCV Therapy) that require direct involvement of unit health care staff to ensure continuity of care during transport should have a medical hold placed.

  A. Providers wishing to place a medical hold on an offender shall notify HSL via TDCJ Mainframe/FORVUS or electronic medical record (EMR) at e-mail address HSLIAISON. This e-mail must include the offender’s name, TDCJ number and the unit to which the offender is to be held. This e-mail must be followed by a telephone call to HSL (936-437-3589) during regular business hours. The e-mail shall provide specific details regarding the reason for and duration of the medical hold.

  B. HSL will send a mainframe e-mail with the offender’s name, TDCJ number and unit to which the offender is to be held, to Classification and Records Office (CRO) requesting a medical hold be placed.

  C. CRO will notate the medical hold on the offender’s records. Offenders with medical holds cannot be moved off their units of assignment for any reason other than an emergency, without written approval of HSL.

  D. When an offender’s medical hold is no longer necessary, the unit medical provider shall e-mail HSL. This e-mail shall include the offender’s name, TDCJ number, current unit of assignment, and discontinuation of the medical hold. Upon notification of the discontinuation of the medical hold, HSL will notify CRO to have the medical hold removed.

**Reference:** ACA Standard 4-4399 (Ref 3-4369) Special Needs
Correctional Managed Health Care Policy A-08.4, Offender Medical and Mental Health Classification