

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL	Effective Date: 11/22/2021	NUMBER: E-44.1 Page 1 of 1
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CONTINUITY OF CARE		

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines ensuring continuity of health care for all inmates.

POLICY:

- I. The inmate’s health information including any physical records not scanned shall accompany him/her upon transfer off the facility of assignment.
- II. All health care encounters are recorded in the health record including specialty clinic visits and discharge summaries from inpatient admissions.
- III. Upon the inmate’s arrival at a new facility, designated medical personnel will review the health record. **Appropriate steps are taken to ensure that prescribed medication and/or treatment is continued pending evaluation by a clinician.**
- IV. For inmates being released from TDCJ with special medical needs, the following will be the procedure:
 - A. A summary note will be entered in the health record.
 - B. A Transitional Assistance Recommendations form (HSP-6) will be completed and sent to the TDCJ Field Services Department.
 - C. A care plan should be prepared by TDCJ Classification Field Services staff in conjunction with staff of the Texas Correctional Office on Inmates with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) to include provisions for referral, diet, medications and other appropriate treatments indicated by the facility staff.
- V. Mental Health Services will initiate temporary court commitment procedures based on the anticipated needs of individual patients and the least restrictive psychiatric treatment alternatives available at the time they must be released from TDCJ. Mental health patients being considered for court ordered temporary mental health services will be referred to an inpatient psychiatric unit 30 days before anticipated release from TDCJ.

Reference: ACA Standard 4-4347 (Ref. 3-4330), Continuity of Care
 ACA Standard 4-4414 (Ref. 3-4378), Transfers
 ACA Standard 4-4305, Special Needs