ADMISSION TO A GERIATRIC CENTER

PURPOSE: To ensure that elderly inmates are admitted into a Geriatric Center appropriately, based on established criteria.

POLICY:

I. The Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, its agents and TDCJ will provide a supportive environment for elderly inmates.

II. Request for placement in a Geriatric Center is submitted for approval through the Health Services.

III. Admission into a Geriatric Facility will be dependent on space availability and coordination between the unit physician or mid-level practitioner and the Health Services Liaison.

The referral criteria and processes are outlined below.

A. Age will be 55 or older. Requests for a waiver may be reviewed.

B. Must be able to function in sheltered general population setting and able to independently perform all activities of daily living.

C. Housing with general population is difficult due to age and/or general health condition (i.e., difficulty with standing in line, walking distances, potential to be preyed upon).

D. Inmate must meet security requirements and be approved for reassignment in accordance with TDCJ classification policies.

Reference: ACA Standard 4-4399 (Ref. 3-4369)