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The major revision to the policy is the removal of HSL from the initial notification process. Since implementing the previous policy, HSL did not receive information about intersex offenders reliably from unit health care staff.

The intention of this revision is to ensure the notification of unit wardens followed by Classification, as they have the most pressing need for this information in order to ensure offender and staff safety. Additionally, since the last revision of this policy, TDCJ Classification and Safe Prisons have revised the intake process and created a new indicator (TRGEN, which stands for Transgender and Intersex) in the mainframe to comply with new PREA standards. Upon intake offenders are asked by Classification sociologists if they consider themselves to be transgender or intersex. Because PREA requires both of these offender groups to be given the option of showering separately, they will be tracked in mainframe with this new indicator. When a health care provider identifies an intersex condition, the provider is to notify practice manager/unit health administrator who will, in turn, immediately notify the warden or warden's designee. The verbal notice should be followed by a written memorandum to the warden or warden's designee. The warden or designee will work with classification to decide appropriate housing and unit assignment. Classification will update mainframe with respect to the new indicator.

This simplifies unit health care staff's role, which should improve reliability of notification and compliance with the new standards. Whether offenders were identified by Classification sociologist or health care providers, the information will be readily available to security, Classification, and HSL as needed, once entered into mainframe.

The proposed revision does not diminish HSL's role in this process, but rather, enhances the reliability of the information available to HSL.

Additionally, clarification was added to I.E. regarding the role of health staff in assisting Classification in determining appropriate housing.