

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL	Effective Date: 10/2/2017	NUMBER: G-51.12
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OFFENDERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHO ARE RELEASING FROM TDCJ		

PURPOSE: To ensure offenders releasing from TDCJ are transported in a manner that meets their current medical, physical and mental health needs.

POLICY: Offenders unable to ride a chain bus to a releasing facility due to a medical, physical or mental health need (i.e., late-trimester or complicated pregnancy, dialysis, inpatient placement, or wheelchair-dependence) shall have their transportation arrangements coordinated through designated university staff.

PROCEDURE:

- I. TDCJ Field Services staff will notify designated university staff of any releasing offender who is an inpatient in a medical or mental health facility, lives in a sheltered-housing unit or has special transportation arrangements indicated on the Forvus HSIN screen.
- II. Designated university staff will contact the medical provider at the offender's unit of assignment via electronic medical record e-mail and request continuity of care information and anticipated mode of transportation needs upon release. (See Attachment A.)
- III. Releasing offenders can travel by chain bus, ambulance, wheelchair van or automobile. Multi-Patient Vehicles (MPVs) can be used to transport an inpatient offender from the unit of assignment to the releasing facility, but cannot transport an offender from a releasing facility to his/her final release plan location.
- IV. Upon the provider's completion of Attachment A and its e-mail return to designated university staff, a mainframe e-mail will be sent to the following departments advising the offender's continuity of care issues and transportation needs:
 - a. TDCJ Classification and Records Office (CRO, e-mail address CLASSMED);
 - b. Individuals working in TDCJ Releasing Office as designated by the TDCJ CRO Deputy Director;
 - c. Individuals working in the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) as designated by TCOOMMI's Director;
 - d. Parole Division Placement and Release Division;
 - e. The offender's current unit of assignment; and
 - f. The offender's permanent unit of assignment (if applicable).
- V. TCOOMMI staff will ensure the offender's release plan addresses all continuity of care issues.

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