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INMATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHO ARE RELEASING FROM TDCJ

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

POLICY: Inmates 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 the appropriate university release management office.

PROCEDURE:

- I. TDCJ Field Services Staff will notify the appropriate university release management office of any releasing inmate 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. The university release management office will request continuity of care information and the anticipated mode of transportation needed, upon release from the facility provider.
- III. Releasing inmates can travel by chain bus, ambulance, wheelchair van or automobile. Multi-Patient Vehicles (MPVs) can be used to transport an inpatient inmate from the unit of assignment to the releasing facility, but cannot transport an inmate from a releasing facility to his/her final release plan location.
- IV. Upon the provider's completion of the Special Needs Release Document, a mainframe e-mail will be sent to the following departments advising the inmate'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 Inmates with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) as designated by TCOOMMI's Director;
 - d. Parole Division Placement and Release Division;
 - e. The inmate's current unit of assignment; and
 - f. The inmate's permanent unit of assignment (if applicable).
- V. TCOOMMI Staff will ensure the inmate's release plan addresses all continuity of care issues.

Reference: ACA Performance Standard & Expected Practice 5-5F-4446 (ref. 3-4393) Final Release