ADMISSION TO A SHELTERED HOUSING

PURPOSE: To ensure offenders with special needs are admitted into a Sheltered Housing Facility appropriately based on established criteria.

POLICY:

I. The Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, its agents and TDCJ will provide a supportive environment for this population of offenders who do not require infirmary care but have medical needs that cannot be met in a general population environment.

II. There are three sheltered housing facilities:
   1. Jester III Sheltered Housing Facility
   2. Telford Sheltered Housing Facility
   3. Carole Young Sheltered Housing Facility (UTMB UR will facilitate these admissions)

III. Request for placement in a Sheltered Housing is submitted for approval through the Health Services Liaison for the Jester III and Telford Sheltered Housing Facilities.

IV. Admission into a Sheltered Housing 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. Must be able to function in sheltered housing population setting and be able to independently perform all activities of daily living.

   B. Examples of patient needs appropriate for Sheltered Housing include but are not limited to the following:
      a. Activity intolerance
      b. Need for continuous or intermittent long-term oxygen therapy
      c. Electrical outlets are available for those offenders that meet criteria for sheltered housing and require the use of CPAP/BiPAP

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

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