

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE POLICY MANUAL	Effective Date: 5/25/2017	NUMBER: G-52.3
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ADMISSION TO THE TDCJ MENTAL HEALTH THERAPEUTIC DIVERSION PROGRAM (MHTDP)		

PURPOSE: To provide for the mental health needs of TDCJ mentally ill outpatient offenders assigned to restrictive housing, with the goal of assisting them to achieve the optimal level of functioning in a therapeutic diversion setting.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Mental Health Therapeutic Diversion Program (MHTDP) is a voluntary cognitive-behavioral model that provides assessment, evaluation and treatment. Program participants are required to participate in group counseling, individual counseling and self-study programs. The program is structured to develop and promote coping strategies for successful integration into the least restrictive prison environment and, upon release, into the community.

PROCEDURES:

- A. Custody classification of offenders assigned to the MHTDP will be Mental Health (MH).
- B. Eligibility requirements:
 1. CID offender who is assigned to restrictive housing and carried on a mental health caseload;
 2. Has at least one year remaining on sentence in order to complete the program;
 3. Is approved for housing at MHTDP by the TDCJ Classification and Records Office (CRO); and,
 4. Is able to independently perform all activities of daily living (e.g. ADLs, eating, grooming, hygiene, toileting and walking) without staff assistance and does not require any skilled nursing care.

REFERRAL PROCESS:

Offenders are identified for referral by the TDCJ Office of Mental Health Services Liaison (MHSL) or by unit mental health staff completing the Mental Health Therapeutic Diversion Program Referral Form (Attachment A) in the electronic health record (EHR).

- A. The completed Referral Form (Attachment A and Consent for Treatment Form will be entered into the (EHR).
- B. A current Mental Health Evaluation (MHE) or clinical interview must be documented in the EHR by the QMHP at the offender's unit of assignment prior to reassignment.

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C. CRO will determine whether the offender meets security requirements and is approved for reassignment in accordance with TDCJ classification policies.

D. CRO will arrange transport to the MHTDP via chain.

OFFENDERS TRANSFERRED FOR INPATIENT CARE:

Offenders assigned to MHTDP who require inpatient care may return to the MHTDP upon discharge from inpatient care. The following procedures will apply:

- A. Crisis Management: MHTDP bed will be held for an offender while in crisis management.
- B. Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization: The bed will be held until the MHTDP Treatment Team conducts a review to determine whether or not the offender is able to return.
- C. Medical inpatient (Infirmary/Hospitalization): The MHTDP bed will be held for the offender until the MHTDP Treatment Team conducts a review of the offender's admission to a TDCJ infirmary and /or community hospital. If the Treatment Team determines that the offender is not expected to return to that bed, that offender will be referred to the Senior Psychologist for final disposition.

DISCHARGE PROCESS:

- A. Program discharge can only be approved by the program's Senior Psychologist.
- B. Upon successful completion of the MHTDP, the program Senior Psychologist will notify MHSL in writing, of the offender's status.
- C. MHSL will schedule a State Classification Committee (SCC) review for consideration of placement in general population.
- D. An offender who does not complete the program and/or is discharged from the program for serious rule violation(s) shall be reassigned to CMI-Sheltered Housing or referred to another appropriate mental health program.

REFERENCE:

ACA Standard 4-4399 (Ref. 3-4369) Special Needs
CMHC Policy G-51.1 Offenders with Special Needs

ACA 4-RH-0031
ACA 4-RH-0032