

## POLICY TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

**To:** Recipients of the Correctional Managed Health Care Policy Manual

**Date:** April 16, 2025

**From:** Gloria Moore  
CMHC Policy and Procedure Committee Coordinator

**Re:** Correctional Managed Health Care Policy Manual Updates

Listed below are the updated policies for your Correctional Managed Health Care Policy Manual. The Facility Management Team is expected to inform all employees of these policy changes before placing them into the manual.

Policy Number	Policy Name	Primary change
D-27.2	Heat Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Changes were implemented throughout the policy to match Administrative Directive.</li> <li>✚ Page 2: Under <b>Procedure I</b>.- The following was deleted: Whenever the temperature is 85° F or higher, the Warden (or designee) will use the Heat and Humidity Index (Table 1 on page 5) to <b>determine safe hot weather working conditions</b>. Prior to exposing workers to extremely hot working conditions, the Warden or designee should consult with medical staff to evaluate the hazard of the effective temperature.</li> <li>✚ <u>Added to the section I</u>: Using the current temperature, humidity, and heat index, in addition to any other reliable weather information, the warden shall use the Heat and Humidity Index (Attachment B) to assess the risk prior to exposing workers to</li> <li>✚ <u>Deleted</u> extremely <u>added</u> hot working conditions. <u>Deleted</u> the Warden or designee should consult with medical staff to evaluate the hazard of the effective temperature.</li> <li>✚ Extensive word deletions and additions regarding temperature.</li> <li>✚ Page 2: Under <b>II. Acclimatization</b> strenuous was deleted and They should work no more than 4 hours was changed to 3 hours at a time.</li> <li>✚ Page 3. <u>Under Reports identifying inmates with heat and/or sunlight sensitivity restrictions</u>. At the end of the sentences work assignments was added.</li> <li>✚ Security to perform “wellness checks” in</li> </ul>

accordance with A.D. 10.64 “EXTREME Temperature Conditions in the TDCJ: was deleted.

- ✦ Page 3. and throughout the policy updated information about INFOPAC chain list changed to ONBASE.

- ✦ The following was added with extensive word additions: VII. Inmates with Heat Sensitivity Scores

- ✦ Some inmates are potentially at a heightened risk of heat-related illnesses because of their age, health conditions, or medications. These inmates are identified through an automated heat sensitivity score that uses information from the inmate’s EHR.

- ✦ A. Heat sensitivity scores are updated automatically at least daily and as changes occur to the information in EHR. For newly received inmates, unit health services staff use an intake heat sensitivity form to screen inmates as soon as they arrive. When new inmates receive their physical examination, their score is updated automatically. Inmates who have a heat sensitivity score receive priority placement by classification in a housing area that is air-conditioned. Inmates identified as Pack Unit Class Members shall be managed in accordance with AD-03.05, “Inmates Identified as Pack Unit Class Members.”

- ✦ B. For returning inmates, unit classification intake staff will verify any previous heat sensitivity score(s) prior to placement in a housing area. If an inmate has previously received a heat sensitivity score, the inmate will be housed in a cool bed until the physical examination is completed and their score can be updated.

- ✦ C. Inmates assigned to the Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP), in an infirmary, or in an inpatient mental health or a specialized mental health program may not refuse air-conditioned housing. These placements are based on physician

		<p>orders or in the case of DDP, a health care policy. Inmates identified as Pack Unit Class Members shall be managed in accordance with AD-03.05, "Inmates Identified as Pack Unit Class Members."</p> <p>✚ VIII. <b><u>Training</u></b> -Facility Practice Manager was added.</p> <p>✚ <b><u>References:</u></b> Updated</p>
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