

National Commission on Correctional Health Care

Executive Summary

Changes From the 2003 Jail & Prison *Standards* to the 2008 Updates

I. Global Changes

A. Section Name Changes

1. Section B “Managing a Safe and Healthy Environment” becomes “ Safety”
2. Section F “Health Education and Disease Prevention” becomes “Health Promotion”

B. Format Changes

1. “Recommendations” changed to “Optional Recommendations”
2. Compliance Indicator requiring written policy and procedure moved from # 1 under each standard to the last # under each standard

C. Numbers (-5 net change)

1. For jails: from 72 in 2003 to 67 in 2008
2. For prisons: from 73 in 2003 to 68 in 2008

D. Specific differences between jail and prison versions: unchanged

II. Standard-Specific Changes

A. New (2)

- B-02 Patient Safety
- B-03 Staff Safety

B. Significant Changes in Concept and Content (20)

- A-03 Medical Autonomy
- A-06 Continuous Quality Improvement Program
- A-09 Privacy of Care
- A-10 Procedure in the Event of an Inmate Death
- B-01 Infection Control Program
- C-01 Credentialing
- C-02 Clinical Performance Enhancement
- C-03 Professional Development
- D-02 Medication Services
- E-02 Receiving Screening
- E-03 Transfer Screening
- E-04 Health Assessment
- E-12 Continuity of Care During Incarceration
- F-02 Medical Diets
- G-01 Chronic Disease Services
- G-02 Patients With Special Health Needs
- G-03 Mental Health Services
- G-05 Suicide Prevention
- H-04 Management of Health Records
- I-05 Informed Consent and Right to Refuse Treatment

C. Deletions (concepts moved/combined/incorporated with other standards) (-7)

- B-02 Environmental Health and Safety
- B-03 Kitchen Sanitation and Food Handlers
- B-04 Ectoparasite Control
- F-03 Exercise
- F-04 Personal Hygiene
- H-05 Transfer of Health Records
- H-06 Retention of Health Records

D. Updates/Editorial Clarifications (13)

- A-02 Responsible Health Authority
- A-11 Grievance Mechanism for Health Complaints
- C-06 Inmate Workers
- C-07 Staffing Plan
- C-08 Health Care Liaison
- D-01 Pharmaceutical Operations
- E-07 Nonemergency Health Care Requests and Services
- F-01 Healthy Lifestyle Promotion
- G-03 Infirmary Care
- G-06 Intoxication and Withdrawal
- G-07 Care of the Pregnant Inmate
- G-08 Inmates With Alcohol and Other Drug Problems
- H-02 Confidentiality of Health Record

E. Changes in Name Only (3)

- A-08 Communication on Patient Health Needs
- C-04 Health Training for Correctional Officers
- I-01 Restraint and Seclusion in Correctional Facilities

F. No Changes (31)

G. Status Changes (Essential vs Important): pending 11/07 Accreditation Committee

See the standard-specific Summary Comparison Table for details on changes. Neither this table nor the Summary Table is a comprehensive guide to understanding the 2008 NCCHC *Standards for Health Services* for jails and prisons; each is meant to be an aid in recognizing the changes. See the complete manual to understand the requirements of the *Standards* as a whole in the full format of Standard, Compliance Indicators, Definitions, Discussion (including Intent) and Optional Recommendations.

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