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TO: WARDENS

CHANGE #1

DIVISION DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 603

HEADS OF STATE AGENCIES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION MONITORS

AUTONOMY IN MENTAL HEALTH DECISIONS

PURPOSE: To change the Office of Primary Responsibility and to update procedures to reflect

current practices.

CHANGES TO BE MADE:

Reference: Action Required:

AR 603, Autonomy in Mental Health Decisions, dated July 7, 2004.

OPR: Delete Treatment and replace with Health Services

V. *Procedures*, *A* Delete this sentence:

If an institution is unable to implement a specific procedure, the Supervising Psychologist or the ADOC Psychologist/Psychological Associate will advise the ADOC Director of Treatment in writing of

the need for a variance.

Replace with this sentence:

If an institution is unable to implement a specific procedure, the Site Administrator or the ADOC Psychologist/Psychological Associate will advise the ADOC Director of Treatment in writing of the need

for a variance.

V. *Procedures*, *C* Delete this sentence:

The Director will solicit the assistance of ADOC administration for problem resolution.

Replace with this sentence.

The Director will solicit the assistance of ADOC and MH Contractor administration for problem resolution.

V. *Procedures*, D, 2 Delete this sentence:

Transfer of the inmate to the sending institution when discharged from a SU or a RTU.

Replace with this sentence:

Initiate transfer of the inmate to the sending institution when discharged from a SU or a RTU.

V. *Procedures*, E, 4 Add this sentence:

Any exceptions to this will be approved by the Associate Commissioner of Office of Health Services or the Director of Medical Services in consultation with a physician or psychologist and the ADOC Director of Treatment.

IX. *Performance*, *B* Delete this sentence:

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care: *Standards for Health Services in Prisons*, 2003.

Replace with this sentence:

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care: *Standards for Health Services in Prisons*, 2014.

File this numbered change at the back of the regulation after annotating both the index and the regulation to indicate changes have been completed.

Advise all personnel in your organization of the change to this regulation.