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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 26, 2026
From: R. Stacy Lehman, Executive Director
Subject: FCAC Standards Manual Change Notice 4.27

The following revisions were approved by the Commission at the February 18, 2026, meeting. They are effective as of that date. Agencies have one year to come into compliance with new or amended standards, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

24.06M
27.01M

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A *written directive* requires a health appraisal for each inmate is completed within 14 days after arrival by trained medical personnel. If there is documented evidence of a health appraisal within the previous 90 days, a new health appraisal is not required except as determined by the *health care authority*. Health appraisal includes the following:

I. Bullets

- A. Review of screening forms;
- B. Collection of additional data for medical, dental, psychiatric and immunization histories, including gynecological histories for females;
- C. Recording of height, weight, pulse, blood pressure, and temperature;
- D. Medical examinations with comments about mental and dental status;
- E. Laboratory or diagnostic tests as determined necessary by the health authority to detect communicable diseases;
- F. Other tests or exams as deemed appropriate; **and**
- G. ~~Review of all results by a physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner;~~ **and Procedures for the facility physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner to review all results, health appraisals and identify problems.**

II. Proofs of Compliance

- *Written directive* addressing elements of the standard (Qty Initial: 1) (Qty Reaccred: 1)
- Health appraisal records **reviewed by Health Care Authority** (Qty Initial: 3) (Qty Reaccred: 1 each year)
- Training records or licenses of medical personnel (Qty Initial: 3) (Qty Reaccred: 1 each year)

III. Required References

IV. Assessor Guidelines

V. Accreditation Manager Notes

Current licenses will suffice for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, all others require training by the responsible physician.

27.01M

A directive describes procedures for transporting inmates to include:

I. Bullets

- A. Inmates of the opposite sex;
- B. ~~Inmates in medical distress~~ Sick, disabled, or injured inmates;
- C. Juvenile offenders;
- D. Violent inmates; and
- E. Custodial levels and types of restraints.

II. Proofs of Compliance

- *Written* directive addressing elements of the standard. (Qty Initial: 1) (Qty Reaccred: 1)
- Completed reports or activity logs with notations (Qty Initial: 3) (Qty Reaccred: 3)
- Interview transport *employees*

III. Required References

Section 985.101, Florida Statutes

IV. Assessor Guidelines

V. Accreditation Manager Notes