



MONTANA STATE PRISON OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

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I. PURPOSE

Specify the responsible authority for health care services provided to inmates at MSP.

II. DEFINITIONS (see Glossary)

III. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Designated Health Authority

1. The MSP Health Services Manager:
 - a. is the designated authority for overall operation of the health services program at Montana State Prison;
 - b. is responsible for all decisions regarding operational procedures and resource matters regarding the delivery of health care at Montana State Prison;
 - c. administratively supervises the medical records staff and the psychiatrist and physicians and mid-level providers; and
 - d. coordinates with the Department Health Services Bureau Chief and the Department Medical Health Services Manager to ensure the delivery of all necessary and appropriate health services at MSP.

B. Responsible Physicians

1. MSP physicians are responsible for clinical judgment regarding the care provided to inmates at MSP.
2. Operating under the guidelines established by the Department Medical Director, physicians are responsible for the clinical aspects of the health services program, including monitoring all aspects of care and treatment.

C. Medical Director

1. The Department Medical Director will render the final medical judgment for inmates under MSP jurisdiction.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. *DOC 4.5.2 Responsible Health Authority*
- B. *NCCHC Standard P-A-02, 2018*

V. CLOSING

Questions about this procedure should be directed to the Medical Health Services Manager.