

Appendix C: Information About the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and Its Position Statements

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization committed to improving the quality of care in our nation's jails, prisons, and juvenile detention and confinement facilities. NCCHC is supported by national organizations listed below representing the fields of health, law, and corrections.

In the early 1970s, the American Medical Association (AMA) studied the conditions in jails. Finding inadequate, disorganized health services and a lack of national standards to guide correctional institutions, the AMA in collaboration with other organizations established a program that eventually, in the early 1980s, became the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. NCCHC's early mission was to evaluate, formulate policy, and develop programs for a floundering area clearly in need of assistance.

Today, NCCHC's leadership in setting standards for health services and improving health care in correctional facilities is widely recognized. NCCHC's *Standards for Health Services* are written in separate volumes for prisons, jails, and juvenile confinement facilities. The *Standards* represent NCCHC's recommended requirements for the management of a correctional health services system, covering the general areas of care and treatment, health records, administration, personnel, and medical and legal issues. The *Standards* have helped the Nation's correctional and detention facilities improve the health of their inmates, staff, and the communities to which they

return; increase the efficiency of their health services delivery; and strengthen their organizational effectiveness.

As well as establishing standards, each year NCCHC sponsors correctional health care's major educational and scientific conferences. Each fall, the annual National Conference on Correctional Health Care draws physicians, nurses, psychologists, scientists, and other health care providers and researchers to learn about contemporary practices and issues in the field of correctional health care. Each spring, the Clinical Updates conference provides the latest information on infectious and chronic disease research and treatments, as well as other timely clinical issues in correctional health care.

With a network of nationally recognized experts in health care administration and delivery, NCCHC offers an accreditation program for correctional facilities that meet NCCHC standards, provides technical assistance and quality improvement reviews on correctional health care management and policy issues, and develops and publishes research on the correctional health care field. In addition, NCCHC operates the national certification program for correctional health professionals, sponsors other educational and training programs, and publishes numerous support texts.

The members of the NCCHC volunteer Board of Directors set policies and guide the organization's program efforts. Each is appointed to the board by one of 34 supporting organizations.

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In addition to the standards, NCCHC periodically adopts position statements that address issues of importance in the management of health care in corrections. The following are available as of the date of this publication.

Automated External Defibrillators in Correctional Settings

Charging Inmates a Fee for Health Care Services

Competency for Execution

Continuity of Care

Correctional Health Care and the Prevention of Violence

DNA Analysis

Drug Testing of Correctional Staff

Health Care Funding for Incarcerated Youth

Health Services to Adolescents in Adult Facilities

Licensed Health Care Providers in Correctional Institutions

Management of Hepatitis B in Correctional Facilities

Management of Hepatitis C in Correctional Facilities

Management of HIV in Correctional Facilities

Management of Tuberculosis in Correctional Facilities

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