I. Actively Chemical Dependent Inmates

The medical authority or designee responsibilities include developing written treatment plans for each inmate diagnosed as actively chemical dependent who is in need of medical detoxification.

A. Identification

Identification of actively chemical dependent inmates will be through staff referral, sick call, physical examination or inmate self-referral.

B. Medical Detoxification and Tapered Withdrawal (5-ACI-6A-41M)

Medical detoxification and tapered withdrawal will be in accordance with the orders from the treating psychiatrist/physician.

1. Outpatient detoxification by tapered withdrawal will be conducted under the direction of the institutional psychiatrist/physician in accordance with MSRM 140123-01 entitled “Detoxification.”

2. Inmates requiring hospital care will be referred to the appropriate hospital in accordance with OP-140121 entitled “Outside Providers for Health Care Management.”

C. Psychiatric Assessment after Detoxification (5-ACI-6A-41M)

After successful completion of detoxification, an assessment will be made by a psychiatrist to determine the need for follow up medical and/or mental health care within 30 days. If substance abuse treatment is indicated, the psychiatrist will provide a brief memorandum to the inmate’s case manager recommending the need for substance abuse treatment if that need has not already been assessed for the inmate.
II. References

Policy Statement P-140100 entitled “Inmate Medical, Mental Health and Dental Care”

OP-140121 entitled “Outside Providers for Health Care Management”

MSRM 140123-01 entitled “Detoxification”

III. Action

The chief medical officer is responsible for compliance with this procedure and for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this procedure require prior written approval from the agency director.

This procedure is effective as indicated.

Replaced: OP-140123 entitled “Care of the Actively Chemical Dependent Inmate” dated October 8, 2020

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