

_____ COUNTY DETENTION CENTER
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Chapter	15	IPREA	Policy # 15.9
Subject	9	Medical and Mental Care	
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Policy:

The _____ County Detention Center shall ensure that inmates who have suffered sexual abuse will have access to medical and mental health practitioners in a timely fashion.

Purpose:

With this policy, the _____ County Detention Center has established practices that will ensure that an inmate who has been sexually abused receives treatment for current or past injuries through appropriate medical and mental health care.

References:

Idaho Jail Standards, Chapter 12
IPREA Standards §115.81 to §115.83

Procedures:

§115.81 – Medical and Mental Health Screenings; History of Sexual Abuse

If the intake screening indicates, or staff otherwise receives information, that an inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff of the _____ Detention Center shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical/mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening. (If you do not have mental health care for your facility, you will need to make arrangements with a mental health practitioner to see these inmates when needed.) The referral will be documented in _____ (Put here where you will document it. Ex: Medical kite, inmate medical log, Referral form, etc.)

If medical treatment is needed for a physical injury, the staff person shall ensure that it is offered immediately.

Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health professionals and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including: housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal State, or local law.

Medical and mental health professionals shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that **did not occur** in an institution setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18.

§115.82 – Access to Emergency Medical and Mental Health Services

Inmate victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by your medical health professionals according to their professional judgment.

In the event that there are no qualified medical or mental health professionals on duty at the time a report of sexual abuse is made, the detention staff “First Responders” shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to 115.62 and shall immediately notify the _____ (Put here what medical person they will notify. Ex: On call nurse, Facility Physician, EMT’s, etc.) and follow their directions.

Inmate victims of sexual abuse that occurred while incarcerated shall be offered timely information about access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate. The _____ Detention Center medical/mental health professional staff shall provide urgent care to victims, as needed, prior to their transport to an outside medical facility. If medical/mental health staff is not on the premises, the detention staff will contact the EMT’s to respond to the facility to provide urgent care to victims.

Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost to the victim and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

§115.83 – Ongoing Medical and Mental Health Care for Sexual Abuse Victims and Abusers

The _____ Detention Center shall offer ongoing medical care and/or mental health professional services to inmates who it learns have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility. The medical care and/or mental health professional services shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody. The _____ Detention Center shall offer and provide such victims with medical care and mental health professional services consistent

with the community level of care. This ongoing care terminates upon release from the _____ Detention Center custody.

The _____ Detention Center medical or mental health staff will make the referral when the inmate is released from custody but will not make the appointment for the inmate.

Female inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests by the medical staff. If pregnancy results from the sexual abuse incident, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.

All inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered the opportunity by the medical staff to be tested for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost to the victim and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.