

## Emergencies

### 909.1 GENERAL

Medical personnel will be directly contacted by any facility personnel having knowledge of the following:

- A medical or dental emergency.
- A possible medical or dental emergency.

Any unusual, non-routine, pain inflicting medical or dental complaint

### 909.2 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

When medical personnel conclude that a true emergency situation exists, their determination of the required medical action will be final.

Staff present will notify the Watch Commander, summon assistance as required, and aid medical personnel to the greatest extent possible.

When a medical emergency occurs in a housing unit, the mod control officer will:

Notify the detention level deputy assigned to that housing unit and medical staff and give them as much information as possible regarding the emergency. The information shall include the following:

- Name of inmate.
- Location.
- Brief statement to medical staff regarding the nature of the illness or injury.
- Answer any questions that the medical staff may ask.
- Notify the Watch Commander/Central Control as soon as possible.

### 909.3 EMERGENCY CONTACT OF NEXT OF KIN

Non-emergency special medical services require advance authorization of the inmates original detention facility or designee.

It is the responsibility of medical staff to secure such authorizations and effect any necessary notification to the respective jurisdiction.

#### 909.3.1 NOTIFICATION

Next of kin will be notified only in cases of serious illness or injury.

The determination of need to notify will be with medical staff in cooperation with the Watch Commander.

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The Coroner's Office shall be responsible for notifying next of kin in situations where death has occurred.

### **909.3.2 REPORTING**

The Watch Commander shall ensure completion of a jail incident report in any situation where an emergency contact is required.

The Facility Manager and the Facility Medical Administrator shall set up a committee to review each inmate death.

### **909.4 AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT**

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### **909.5 AMBULANCE CALLS**

Calling an ambulance and/or transportation shall only be at the direction of medical staff.

#### **909.5.1 AMBULANCE REQUESTS**

When medical personnel request an ambulance, any staff member present shall immediately contact Central Control who shall call SHASCOM (911) and specify the type of conveyance (life support unit) as directed by medical staff.

The Watch Commander shall be notified by Central Control that SHASCOM has been called.

The Watch Commander may assign a deputy to accompany an inmate to the hospital.

The Watch Commander will assign a staff member to wait for the ambulance as an escort to and from the location of occurrence

### **909.6 INMATE CUSTODY**

The transporting deputy will remain with the inmate. If medically possible, cuffs or shackles are not to be removed at the hospital/doctors office.

If possible, and depending on the medical situation, the deputy shall keep the inmate in sight at all times.

Emergency transports/hospital runs, are to be documented by a Jail Incident Report.