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Title 22@ Social Security

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Part 2@ Health and Welfare Agency-Department of Health Services Regulations

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Subdivision 6@ Preventive Medical Services

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Chapter 8@ Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing of Inmates in Correctional Facilities

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Article 4@ TESTING PROCEDURES

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Section 41146@ Transporting of Blood Specimens

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If specimens are to be hand delivered to a local laboratory, the instructions for packaging and handling provided by that laboratory shall be followed.

(b)

Specimens to be mailed to a laboratory shall be transported according to the following procedures: (1) Mailing containers and instructions shall be obtained from the receiving laboratory. (2) Each specimen tube shall be labeled with the test subject's individual identification number which corresponds to the identification number on the laboratory test slip, and the date collected. (3) The specimen tube shall be taped with waterproof tape. (4) The tube containing the specimen shall be placed in a secondary leak-proof metal container with a biohazard label. (5) The completed lab slip shall be wrapped around the secondary metal container, not around the specimen tube. (6) The secondary metal container shall be inserted into an outer (tertiary) cardboard mailer. (7) The specimen shall be shipped by first class or express mail or other fast package delivery service.

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