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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 12@ Correctional Treatment Centers

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Article 4@ Optional Services

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Section 79705@ Optional Services-Laboratory Services

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(a)

Clinical laboratories shall be operated in conformance with the California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 3 (Sections 1200 to 1322, inclusive) and the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1, Group 2 (Sections 1030 to 1057, inclusive).

(b)

The correctional treatment center shall maintain clinical laboratory services and equipment for routine laboratory work such as urinalysis, complete blood counts, and such tests necessary to meet the needs of the correctional treatment center.

(c)

The correctional treatment center shall maintain or make provision for clinical laboratory services for performance of tests in chemistry, microbiology, serology, hematology, pathology and blood banking.

(d)

Written policies and procedures shall be developed and maintained by the physician responsible for the service in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and administration. Policies and procedures shall be approved by the patient care policy committee, medical director, and the governing body. Policies and procedures shall be reviewed annually.

(e)

The responsibility and the accountability of the clinical laboratory service to the medical director shall be defined.

(f)

The director of the clinical laboratory shall assure that: (1) Examinations are performed accurately and in a timely fashion. (2) Procedures are established governing the provision of laboratory services for outpatients. (3) Laboratory systems identify the patient, test requested, date and time the specimen was obtained, the time the request reached the laboratory, the time the laboratory completed the test and any special handling which was required. (4) Procedures are established to ensure the satisfactory collection of specimens. (5) A communications system to provide efficient information exchange between the laboratory and related areas of the correctional treatment center is established. (6) A quality control system within the laboratory designed to ensure medical reliability of laboratory data is established. The results of control tests shall be readily available in the correctional treatment center. (7) Reports of all laboratory examinations are made a part of the inmate-patient's medical record as soon as is practical. (8) No laboratory procedures are performed except on the order of a person lawfully authorized to give such an order.

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Tissue specimens, where obtained, shall be examined by a physician who is certified or eligible for certification in anatomical and/or clinical pathology by the American Board of Pathology or possesses qualifications which are equivalent to those required for certification. Oral specimens may be examined by a dentist who is certified or eligible for certification as an oral pathologist by the American Board of Oral Pathology. A record of their findings shall become a part of the patient's medical record. A file on these findings shall be maintained at the correctional treatment center or the principal office of the consulting pathologist.

(h)

The use, storage and disposal of radioactive materials shall comply with the California Radiation Control Regulations, Title 17, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4, Group 1, Article 1, commencing with Section 30100, California Code of Regulations, as amended. These regulations are hereby incorporated by reference.

(i)

Where the correctional treatment center depends on outside blood banks, there shall be a written agreement governing the procurement, transfer and availability of blood.

(j)

Licensed clinical laboratory services shall be available at all times for emergencies.