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The medical director shall be on the premises of the correctional treatment center a sufficient number of hours to attend to the clinical operation of the facility. The

Department may require the medical director to spend additional hours in the facility whenever the Department determines, through a written evaluation, that such additional hours are needed to provide adequate clinical direction of the correctional treatment center.

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The medical director's responsibilities, acting alone or through an organized medical staff, shall include: (1) Establishing and approving policies and procedures for each basic and optional service provided by the correctional treatment center. These policies and procedures shall be reviewed annually. (2) Assuring the quality of medical care provided to all inmate-patients treated by the correctional treatment center. (3) Reviewing and approving all protocols used by the correctional treatment center. (4) Establishing and implementing a system of peer review pursuant to written procedures. (5) Reviewing credentials and delineating clinical privileges for the licensed professionals providing services in the correctional treatment center. (6) Assuring that a physician, physician's assistant, or registered nurse is available whenever medical services are provided.

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