

<b>NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS</b>	<b>SERIES 600 HEALTH CARE SERVICES</b>	<b>SUPERSEDES: AR 619 (01/20/03)</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS MANUAL</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 619 INSTITUTIONAL INFIRMARY CARE TEMP</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/05/04</b>

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**PURPOSE**

To describe the infirmary care available to provide adequate medical care for inmates housed within the Department.

To assist in achieving the health care objectives of the Department.

**AUTHORITY**

NRS 209.131

NRS 209.381

**RESPONSIBILITY**

All Medical Division employees has the responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with this regulation.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**INSITUTIONAL INFIRMARY CARE** – An area within the facility that maintains and operates organized bed care and services for inmates formally admitted for a period of 24 hours or more and that is operated for the express or implied purpose of providing skilled nursing care for persons not in need of hospitalization outside the security perimeter.

**REGIONAL MEDICAL FACILITY** – The facility located at Northern Nevada Correctional Center designed and operated to provide short and long-term health care as well as inmates routinely admitted for infirmatory type services. They are also formally admitted to this facility for health care that exceeds the capabilities of the Department's institutional infirmatory care.

## **APPLICABILITY**

This regulation applies to all inmates housed within the Department.

## **PROCEDURES**

### **619.01 INSITUTIONAL INFIRMARY CARE**

1.1 Infirmatory care will be provided to the inmate population through an institutional infirmatory or health unit. **(3-4354)**

1.1.1 The assignment and utilization of beds in any infirmatory will be under the authority of the Medical Director and the Medical Division staff.

1.1.2 Medical or Mental Health staff, (i.e., Physician, Mid-level Practitioner, Dentist, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, or nursing personnel in urgent or emergency situations), will authorize all admissions to the infirmatory.

1.1.3 During non-business hours, the nurse is to contact the on-call physician by phone. A telephone order will be obtained that will be signed by the Physician within 48 hours.

1.1.4 In emergency situations, the Warden and/or designee may authorize temporary use of infirmatory space for custody purposes.

1.1.5 The medical staff will not be locked in an infirmatory with inmates without custody staff present.

1.1.6 Health care personnel will be on duty twenty-four (24) hours per day to provide infirmatory care.

1.1.6.1 Nursing services will be under the direction of a Physician, Mid-level Practitioner, or registered Nurse on a full-time basis.



