

# POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services

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## I. POLICY

The St. Louis County Department of Justice Services, and the Department of Health will provide twenty-four (24) hour a day emergency medical care for inmates.

## II. RESPONSIBILITIES

All St. Louis County Department of Justice Services' Corrections, Corrections Medicine and Mental Health staff are responsible for the following procedures.

## III. DEFINITIONS

**Medical Emergency:** A medical situation that is a health risk for an inmate, such as an acute illness or an unexpected health need that cannot be deferred until the next scheduled sick call or clinic appointment. This emergency may require the immediate transfer of the inmate to the Health Care Clinic, the Infirmary, or to the hospital emergency room.

## IV. PROCEDURES

### A. On-site Emergency Medical Services

1. Corrections officers are trained in CPR and First-Aid. Officers are

required to use this training until the arrival of the Corrections Medicine staff.

2. Corrections Medicine staff are on-duty twenty-four (24) hours a day and will respond immediately to medical emergencies.
3. The Corrections Medicine staff will treat the inmate in the area where the inmate became ill or injured. If possible, the inmate will be moved to the Health Care Clinic, the Infirmary or other appropriate area for treatment.
4. The medical provider, dentist, and mental health professionals are on-duty during scheduled hours to assist in medical, dental or psychiatric emergencies. The medical provider and mental health professionals are also available for consultation by phone during non-scheduled hours. Corrections Medicine staff will be responsible for contacting the medical and mental health professionals during non-scheduled hours.
5. In response to medical emergencies, paramedics from the Clayton Fire Department (911) may be called by the Corrections Medicine staff for additional medical assistance and emergency medical transport to a hospital emergency room. (See Policy #1318 Emergency Movement to Hospital) . The Corrections Medicine staff will then immediately inform an officer of the call, who will in turn immediately inform the Watch Commander and Master Control by two-way radio of the situation.
6. If the Corrections Medicine staff is not able to leave the patient to call the paramedics, the Corrections Medicine staff will inform an officer to immediately contact the Watch Commander and Master Control by two-way radio and have Master Control call 911 for paramedics.
7. The Watch Commander or the supervisor of the area will have Master Control contact 911 if the Corrections Medicine staff is not available to respond to the medical emergency.
8. Master Control will have all necessary phone numbers readily available to contact the following if needed:
  - a. Clayton fire and police department (911)

- b. Portions of this record are closed pursuant to Section 610.021 (19) (21) RSMo and Section 114.020 (18) (20) SLCRO because public disclosure of such portions would threaten public safety by compromising the safe and secure operation of the Jail, and the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the portions of such records and other local hospital emergency rooms
- c. Corrections Medicine pagers
- d. Administration personnel's cell phone number and home phone numbers
- e. Contracted ambulance services (only if the injuries are considered a non- emergency).

B. Off-site Emergency Medical Services

- 1. The Corrections Medicine staff or the paramedics will make decisions regarding whether to send an inmate to a hospital emergency room.
- 2. The Corrections Medicine staff or the paramedics will decide when a facility vehicle may be used to transport the inmate.
- 3. The inmate will be transported Portions of this record are closed pursuant to Section 610.021 (19) (21) RSMo and Section 114.020 (18) (20) SLCRO because public disclosure of such portions would threaten public safety by compromising the safe and secure operation of the Jail, and the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the portions of such records for non-life threatening emergencies. When the emergency is life threatening, the inmate will be transported to Portions of this record are closed pursuant to Section 610.021 (19) (21) RSMo and Section 114.020 (18) (20) SLCRO because public disclosure of such portions would threaten public safety by compromising the safe and secure operation of the Jail, and the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the portions of such records. (See Policy #1318 Emergency Movement to Hospital).