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<b>4.22.1 INDIVIDUAL HUNGER STRIKE POLICY</b>	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**I. POLICY**

Inmates who are participating in a hunger strike shall be provided health care (including assessment, monitoring, and treatment) regardless of the reason for their strike.

**II. PURPOSE**

To delineate the roles of health care and custody staff during a hunger strike to ensure the provision of needed health care.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

**Hunger Strike Participant:** An inmate who is identified by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) custody staff as being on a hunger strike.

**IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy.

**V. CUSTODY RESPONSE TO A HUNGER STRIKE**

- A.** Custody staff shall provide institutional health care executives information regarding hunger strike participants, as they are identified, including but not limited to:
  - Names.
  - CDCR numbers.
  - Dates and times of all State-issued meals refused.
  - Current housing.
- B.** Information concerning hunger strike participants shall be discussed during the institution’s daily executive briefing. The CEO or a medical representative shall be present at the briefing to receive the information.
- C.** Custody staff shall ensure that all hunger strike participants have access to water at all times and are offered State-issued food daily as scheduled. Custody staff may adjust the State-issued meal or meal portions offered to participants if advised to do so by medical staff.

**VI. REFERENCES**

- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3353, Capacity for Informed Consent
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 72527, Skilled Nursing Facility, Patients’ Rights
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 72528, Skilled Nursing Facility, Informed Consent Requirements
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 79799, Correctional Treatment Center, Inmate-Patients’ Rights

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- California Probate Code Sections 3200-3212
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapters 20.1 and 20.2, Outpatient Dietary Intervention Policy and Procedure
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Hunger Strike, Fasting, and Refeeding Care Guide, July 2013