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4.24.2 PATIENT CARE DURING PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

California Correctional Health Care Services staff shall provide health care for the pregnant patient population.

Every institution housing women shall provide obstetrical services, to include care for women with high-risk pregnancies. The California Institution for Women (CIW) is the designated institution for management of pregnancy and childbirth. All newly identified pregnant patients shall be referred for transfer to CIW.

II. DEFINITIONS

High-Risk Pregnancy: A pregnancy that threatens the health or life of the mother or her fetus.

III. PURPOSE

To ensure health care concerns are met for the pregnant patient population both pre and post partum and for the birth of children at local hospitals.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

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

V. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 3355.2, Treatment for Pregnant Inmates