

# CHAPTER 25

## Problem List

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### **I. POLICY**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) shall document chronic problems in a standardized way that is easily accessible in the Unit Health Record (UHR)

### **II. PURPOSE**

To ensure continuity of care is maintained and to facilitate rapid availability of important clinical information to users of the UHR.

### **III. PROCEDURE**

1. Primary Care Providers (PCP) shall document current medical problems that have lasted or are expected to last for more than six months, and all related past major surgeries and procedures. (The problem list will not include temporary medical conditions such as influenza.)
2. These problems, along with the date identified and the provider's signature, shall be documented at the time the diagnosis is made.
3. Psychiatrists shall document Axis I diagnoses on the problem list only.
4. In the event a chronic condition resolves, the PCP is to document the date of resolution along with their initials
5. For inmate-patients who have been designated as High-Risk by a Qualified High-Risk Provider, the provider must indicate on the problems list, the date enrolled and date discharged.
6. The problem list must be located in the record so that upon opening it is immediately visible.
7. When a PCP identifies a problem not on the list or anytime there is a new diagnosis, the current problem must be added to the problem list.
8. The problem list form shall be filed in the Unit Health Record as the top page of the Interdisciplinary Progress Note section.