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<b>4.29.1 MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM POLICY</b>	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**I. POLICY**

California Correctional Health Care Services and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall utilize a Medical Classification System (MCS) to serve as the system for considering medical factors in making patient placement decisions. The MCS shall be used to match patients’ medical needs with the capabilities of facilities and programs. The MCS is intended to:

- Ensure that all patients are assigned Medical Classification Factors that allow matching of medical needs to institutions/facilities to support efficient bed management.
- Eliminate redundant and unnecessary forms, screenings, and evaluations.
- Reduce or prevent inefficiencies caused by disparity between patient medical needs and facility capabilities and resources.
- Provide department-wide capacity to profile the medical needs of the patient population.

**II. PURPOSE**

To provide guidance to clinical and custody staff in considering medical factors in making patient placement decisions.

**III. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The Chief Executive Officer or designee of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy and its corresponding procedures.
- B. The Health Care Placement Oversight Program (HCPOP) at headquarters is responsible for various population management functions. HCPOP is responsible for maintaining a unit procedure, as well as for maintaining and issuing medical classification matrices and Decision Support Material.

**IV. REFERENCES**

- *Plata v. Brown*, Order Granting Plaintiffs’ Motion for Relief Re: Valley Fever at Pleasant Valley and Avenal State Prisons, June 24, 2013
- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3379
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 58018, 70005(a), 72103, 79516, 79555
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department Operations Manual, Sections 62080.1-62080.6
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 3, Health Care Transfer Process
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 23, Comprehensive Accommodation

# **CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

- National Fire Protection Association, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments