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10.11.2 COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS WAIVER PROCEDURE	Attachments: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

I. PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

This procedure provides a process for patients who are medically restricted from the Coccidioidomycosis (Cocci) 2 area, who are NOT medical high risk AND do NOT have a negative cocci skin test to waive the medical restriction from residence in a Cocci 2 area. Patients may rescind the waiver of the medical restriction at any time.

II. DEFINITIONS

Coccidioidomycosis 2 Area: Institutions that pose the highest risk of cocci exposure. The specific institutions in this area are outlined in the Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 29.2, Medical Classification System Procedure, Appendix I.

Coccidioidomycosis 2 Restriction: A medical restriction based on a combination of a history of cocci disease, medical high risk, negative cocci skin test results (if tested), race (e.g., African-American or Filipino), and medical conditions (e.g., diabetes mellitus); patients with a Cocci 2 restriction are designated as such in the Cocci Risk Registry managed by Quality Management.

Coccidioidomycosis Skin Test: The skin test used to determine hypersensitivity reaction to the spherulin antigen (a component of the fungus that causes cocci). A positive test means that the patient has a lower risk of a new cocci infection after exposure than a person who tests negative. A negative test means the patient has a higher risk of a new cocci infection after exposure than a person who tests positive.

Medical High Risk: Patients who have a medical risk designated as high as defined by the Master Registry.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Waiving of the Medical Restriction from the Cocci 2 Area

1. Patients requesting a waiver of the medical restriction shall be scheduled for an evaluation by a health care provider.
2. At the encounter, patient education and information regarding the health care risks of waiving the medical restriction, including the risk of morbidity and mortality from cocci exposure, shall be discussed.
3. If the patient still wishes to waive the medical restriction at the conclusion of the encounter, the provider shall complete the following:
 - a. CDCR 7230, Interdisciplinary Progress Notes, documenting the chrono discussion,
 - b. CDC 7225, Refusal of Examination and/or Treatment, and
 - c. CDCR 128-C ASP and PVSP, Coccidioidomycosis Waiver.

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4. One copy of the waiver shall be forwarded to the Classification and Parole Representative for inclusion in the patient's central file; a second copy shall be entered into the patient health record; and a third copy shall be provided to the patient.

B. Rescinding of the Waiver Of Medical Restriction from the Cocci 2 Area

1. The patient shall be directed to his assigned counselor.
2. The staff member shall make contact with the assigned counselor or the counselor's supervisor within three business days, informing them of the patient's request.
3. The staff member shall document the patient's request, date and time of the request, and the name of the counselor informed of the request on a CDC 128-B, General Chrono.
4. Patients must be transferred to an appropriate intermediate institution within 60 business days from the date the patient rescinds the waiver, therefore; case work, Unit or Institution Classification Committee appearances, and transfers must be accomplished within that timeframe.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Cocci Medical Restriction Flow Sheet

V. REFERENCES

- *Plata v. Brown*, Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Relief Re: Valley Fever at Pleasant Valley and Avenal State Prisons, June 24, 2013
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 29, Medical Classification System Policy and Procedure

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ATTACHMENT A COCCI MEDICAL RESTRICTION FLOW SHEET

