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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae Johnson  
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FROM: Daniel A. Bible   
Field Office Director, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: Henderson Detention Center Initial Dental Screening Waiver  
Request

Purpose

Approve a waiver for the Salt Lake City, Las Vegas ERO Sub-office (SLC/LVG) as it relates to Medical Care, Part E, of the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS) (Initial dental screening performed by a dentist, physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner). SLC/LVG would respectfully request that the Henderson Detention Center be approved to allow trained facility nurses to complete initial dental screening exams in compliance with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

Background

On August 13, 2015, the Office of the Detention Oversight (ODO) inspected HDC. ODO found that trained nurses were performing initial dental screenings, and even though NCCHC accepts this practice, it is in conflict with ICE's NDS, which states, "If no on-site dentist is available, the initial dental screening may be performed by a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner."

Discussion

The HDC's medical care for ICE detainees is contracted out to Corizon Health, and NCCHC governs their policies. HDC transports detainees to off-site dentist's facilities to perform all in-

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depth dental exams and treatment. HDC does not have the resources to transport every detainee off-site to obtain an initial dental screenings as well as the resources to add a full time dentist on the Corizon contract, thus the transporting of each detainee within 14 days for an initial dental screening becomes logistically impracticable. HDC nurses are trained by a dentist to conduct initial dental screenings and are trained yearly by the dentist and as such, they comply with the NCCHC standard, which allows a trained nurse to perform initial dental screening.

## Recommendation

I recommend that you approve a waiver to Medical Care, Part E, Dental Treatment within the NDS, and allow trained nurses to conduct initial dental screening within 14 days of the detainee's arrival, which complies with NCCHC standard for Dental Treatment.

Approve/date *Lyndee R. [Signature]* 3/10/16 Disapprove/date \_\_\_\_\_

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