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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson
Assistant Director, Custody Management **SEP 21 2016**

THROUGH: Jay M. Brooks
Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division

FROM: Patrick D. Contreras
HOU Field Office Director

SUBJECT: Wavier for Initial Dental Screening

Purpose

To provide a waiver for the Houston Field Office/IAH Polk County Secure Adult Facility (IAH). This waiver relates to the Medical Care, Section (III) (E) of the 2000 National Detention Standards requirement that the initial dental screening may be performed, by a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner, if no on-site dentist is available.

Background

In April 2016, after the Field Medical Coordinator's site visit for the IAH, it was reported the facility had registered nurses who have been trained by the contracted dentist performing initial dental screening.

Discussion

This process is consistent with PBNDS 2011 and compliant with the American Correctional Associations related standard. The Registered Nurses who perform these screenings have been trained by the facilities contracted dentist in performing such examinations. These screenings are performed within the 14 day timeframe as dictated by the standard. Any immediate or emergent dental need, referral, and notification are made to the facilities contracted dentist for immediate follow up.

Recommendation

I recommend that you approve a waiver regarding the Medical Care, section (III) (E) of the 2000 National Detention Standards requirement that the initial dental screening be performed, by a physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.

Approve / date Jmb 9/21/16

Disapprove / date _____

Modify / date _____

Needs more discussion _____

Note: IHSC (DAO Clinical Services) concurred with similar waiver
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