MEMO TITLE: Health Examinations Pre-Booking Screen Clarification

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Interim Policy And Procedures Memorandum (IPPM) is to clarify that a breath reaction alcohol content (BRAC) test is no longer mandatory as part of the Health And Rehabilitation Services (HARS) pre-booking screen and to also clarify that a specific BRAC test reading should no longer be relied upon as an indicator of whether an individual is medically cleared or not.

APPLICATION:

This IPPM applies to all Department employees and prisoners.

EXISTING DOC POLICY & PROCEDURES MODIFIED:

This IPPM modifies language found in DOC P&P 807.14, Health Examinations. Specifically language found in the Procedures section VII, A, 1 (b).

NEW PROCEDURES:

Procedures section VII, A, 1 (b) shall be re-written as follows:

b. Staff shall attempt to obtain a breath reaction alcohol content (BRAC) reading at the time of booking, even when the detainee arrives with a medical clearance. However, it may not always be possible to conduct a BRAC test as some individuals may refuse (or may be unable) to provide one.

The BRAC test is only one (1) of several factors that staff will take in to account when deciding if a detainee is medically cleared for booking or not. Other factors to be considered include:

i. The detainee’s level of consciousness and ability to be roused with voice or physical stimulation;

ii. A detainee who exhibits signs of obvious pain, bleeding, trauma or illness suggesting the immediate need for emergency services; and
| iii. The detainee’s ability to stand and walk with one person offering minimum assistance (exclusive of a disability). |