

# National Commission on Correctional Health Care

## Summary Guide to the 2008 *Standards* Update

### *Standards for Health Services in Prisons* • *Standards for Health Services in Jails*

#### The *Standards* Format: no changes

- Standard — the “what” and essence of the standard itself.
- Compliance Indicators — the “how” and usual way compliance is achieved (general expectation for accreditation). In all standards, the requirement for a “written policy and procedure” is now the last rather than the first Compliance Indicator. This emphasizes the standards’ focus on actual services and outcome, although written P&P are needed to guide the actions.
- Discussion — the “when and where,” elaboration on ways to meet the standard and additional background information.
- Optional Recommendations — the “more,” suggestions for best practices and ways to expand beyond basic requirements.  
“Recommendations” changed to “Optional Recommendations” to emphasize the nature of this information.
- Intent — the reason for the standard, articulated as the first sentence of the Discussion.

#### General Numbering System: no changes

- First letter represents the version (P = prison, J = jail).
- Next letter represents the section (A - I).
- Some changes were necessary within sections.

#### Essential vs Important Classification of Each Standard

- No changes from 2003 designations.

#### Number of Standards

- Jail: 67 (vs. 72 in 2003 edition)
- Prison: 68 (vs 73 in 2003 edition)

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**Section A: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

No differences between prison and jail versions in Section A.

P-A-01 / J-A-01 Access to Care (Essential)	P-A-01 Access to Care  No changes.	J-A-01 Access to Care  No changes.
P-A-02 / J-A-02 Responsible Health Authority (Essential)	P-A-02 Responsible Health Authority  Discussion now includes explicit responsibilities to reflect changes in other standards: A-06, B-02, B-03, C-01, C-02.	J-A-02 Responsible Health Authority  Discussion now includes explicit responsibilities to reflect changes in other standards: A-06, B-02, B-03, C-01, C-02.
P-A-03 / J-A-03 Medical Autonomy (Essential)	P-A-03 Medical Autonomy  Expanded to include nonsecurity interference. CI #2: Administrative decisions (such as utilization review) are coordinated, if necessary, with clinical needs so that patient care is not jeopardized.	J-A-03 Medical Autonomy  Expanded to include nonsecurity interference. CI #2: Administrative decisions (such as utilization review) are coordinated, if necessary, with clinical needs so that patient care is not jeopardized.
P-A-04 / J-A-04 Administrative Meetings and Reports (Essential)	P-A-04 Administrative Meetings and Reports  No changes.	J-A-04 Administrative Meetings and Reports  No changes.
P-A-05 / J-A-05 Policies and Procedures (Essential)	P-A-05 Policies and Procedures  No changes.	J-A-05 Policies and Procedures  No changes.
P-A-06 / J-A-06 Continuous Quality Improvement Program (Essential)	P-A-06 Continuous Quality Improvement Program  Significant changes refocus on intent of standard: • The <i>Basic Program</i> (ADP ≤ 500) requires one process and one outcome study per year, with specific steps to be documented, and documented annual review of the effectiveness of the CQI program. • The <i>Comprehensive Program</i> (ADP > 500) requires a multidisciplinary CQI committee that meets quarterly; two process and two outcome studies per year, with specific steps to be documented; and documented annual review of the effectiveness of the CQI program.  CQI remains focused on systems issues (see also B-02). Concept of chart reviews moved to E-12; no longer required under CQI.	J-A-06 Continuous Quality Improvement Program  Significant changes refocus on intent of standard: • The <i>Basic Program</i> (ADP ≤ 500) requires one process and one outcome study per year, with specific steps to be documented, and documented annual review of the effectiveness of the CQI program. • The <i>Comprehensive Program</i> (ADP > 500) requires a multidisciplinary CQI committee that meets quarterly; two process and two outcome studies per year, with specific steps to be documented; and documented annual review of the effectiveness of the CQI program.  CQI remains focused on systems issues (see also B-02). Concept of chart reviews moved to E-12; no longer required under CQI.
P-A-07 / J-A-07 Emergency Response Plan (Essential)	P-A-07 Emergency Response Plan  No changes.	J-A-07 Emergency Response Plan  No changes.

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P-A-08 / J-A-08 Communication on Special Needs Patients (Essential)	P-A-08 Communication on Patients' Health Needs  Name simplified.	J-A-08 Communication on Patients' Health Needs  Name simplified.
P-A-09 / J-A-09 Privacy of Care (Important)	P-A-09 Privacy of Care  Standard and CIs now include protection for health information exchange (concept moved from former H-02 Confidentiality of Health Records and Information).	J-A-09 Privacy of Care  Standard and CIs now include protection for health information exchange (concept moved from former H-02 Confidentiality of Health Records and Information).
P-A-10 / J-A-10 Procedure in the Event of an Inmate Death (Important)	P-A-10 Procedure in the Event of an Inmate Death  Changed standard and CIs to clarify intent, requirements, explicit language, expected outcomes; concepts not changed.	J-A-10 Procedure in the Event of an Inmate Death  Changed standard and CIs to clarify intent, requirements, explicit language, expected outcomes; concepts not changed.
P-A-11 / J-A-11 Grievance Mechanism for Health Complaints (Important)	P-A-11 Grievance Mechanism for Health Complaints  No changes.	J-A-11 Grievance Mechanism for Health Complaints  No changes.
P-A-12 / J-A-12 Federal Sexual Assault Reporting Regulations (Important)	See B-04  Moved to Section B.	See B-04  Moved to Section B.
<b>Section B: SAFETY</b> (Name simplified from Managing a Safe and Healthy Environment) No differences between prison and jail versions in Section B.		
P-B-01 / J-B-01 Infection Control Program (Essential)	P-B-01 Infection Control Program  Significant changes: Incorporated focused concepts from former B-02 (specific health-related areas only: clinics, health residential settings, segregation), former B-03 (specific to medical diets only) and former B-04.	J-B-01 Infection Control Program  Significant changes: Incorporated focused concepts from former B-02 (specific health-related areas only: clinics, health residential settings, segregation), former B-03 (specific to medical diets only) and former B-04.
P-B-02 / J-B-02 Environmental Health and Safety (Essential)	Deleted  Concepts moved to B-01 (monitoring health-related areas) and B-03 (staff work in safe environment).	Deleted  Concepts moved to B-01 (monitoring health-related areas) and B-03 (staff work in safe environment).
P-B-03 / J-B-03 Kitchen Sanitation and Food Handlers (Important)	Deleted  Concepts moved to F-03.	Deleted  Concepts moved to F-03.
P-B-04 / J-B-04 Ectoparasite Control (Important)	Deleted  Concepts moved to B-01.	Deleted  Concepts moved to B-01.

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New to 2008 (Important)	P-B-02 Patient Safety Patient safety systems, focus on individual action. Strategies that improve clinical practice, e.g., error-reporting systems.	J-B-02 Patient Safety Patient. safety systems, focus on individual action. Strategies that improve clinical practice, e.g., error-reporting systems.
New to 2008 (Important)	P-B-03 Staff Safety Staff work in a safe environment (part of former B-02).	J-B-03 Staff Safety Staff work in a safe environment (part of former B-02).
Moved from 2003 Section A	P-B-04 Federal Sexual Assault Reporting Regulations No changes.	J-B-04 Federal Sexual Assault Reporting Regulations No changes.
Moved from 2003 Section G	P-B-05 Procedure in the Event of Sexual Assault No changes.	J-B-05 Procedure in the Event of Sexual Assault No changes.
<b>Section C: PERSONNEL AND TRAINING</b> No differences between prison and jail versions in Section C.		
P-C-01 / J-C-01 Credentialing (Essential)	P-C-01 Credentialing Moved details about the credentials check from Recommendations to CI #2.	J-C-01 Credentialing Moved details about the credentials check from Recommendations to CI #2.
P-C-02 / J-C-02 Clinical Performance Enhancement (Important)	P-C-02 Clinical Performance Enhancement No significant changes.	J-C-02 Clinical Performance Enhancement No significant changes.
P-C-03 / J-C-03 Continuing Education for Health Staff (Essential)	P-C-03 Professional Development Name change. Significant changes: 3 options for CEU requirement: (1) state licensure requires CEUs, (2) CCHP certification or (3) current requirement of 12 hours.	J-C-03 Professional Development Name change. Significant changes: 3 options for CEU requirement: (1) state licensure requires CEUs, (2) CCHP certification or (3) current requirement of 12 hours.
P-C-04 / J-C-04 Training for Correctional Officers (Essential)	P-C-04 Health Training for Correctional Officers Name change.	J-C-04 Health Training for Correctional Officers Name change.
P-C-05 / J-C-05 Medication Administration Training (Essential)	P-C-05 Medication Administration Training No changes.	J-C-05 Medication Administration Training No changes.
P-C-06 / J-C-06 Inmate Workers (Essential)	P-C-06 Inmate Workers No changes.	J-C-06 Inmate Workers No changes.

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P-C-07 / J-C-07 Staffing Plan (Important)	P-C-07 Staffing Plan  Standard reworded to highlight outcome of care; no change in concept.	J-C-07 Staffing Plan  Standard reworded to highlight outcome of care; no change in concept.
P-C-08 / J-C-08 Health Care Liaison (Important)	P-C-08 Health Care Liaison  Liaison now required whenever health staff not on-site.	J-C-08 Health Care Liaison  Liaison now required whenever health staff not on-site.
P-C-09 / J-C-09 Orientation for Health Services Staff (Important)	P-C-09 Orientation for Health Services Staff  No changes.	J-C-09 Orientation for Health Services Staff  No changes.
<b>Section D: HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT</b> No differences between prison and jail versions in Section D.		
P-D-01/ J-D-01 Pharmaceutical Operations (Essential)	P-D-01 Pharmaceutical Operations  Clarification: Pharmaceutical operations must be inspected in all facility units, including satellites.	J-D-01 Pharmaceutical Operations  Clarification: Pharmaceutical operations must be inspected in all facility units, including satellites.
P-D-02 / J-D-02 Medication Services (Essential)	P-D-02 Medication Services  CI now explicitly requires continuing meds upon admission.	J-D-02 Medication Services  CI now explicitly requires continuing meds upon admission.
P-D-03 / J-D-03 Clinic Space, Equipment, and Supplies (Important)	P-D-03 Clinic Space, Equipment, and Supplies  No changes.	J-D-03 Clinic Space, Equipment, and Supplies  No changes.
P-D-04 / J-D-04 Diagnostic Services (Important)	P-D-04 Diagnostic Services  No changes.	J-D-04 Diagnostic Services  No changes.
P-D-05 / J-D-05 Hospital and Specialty Care (Important)	P-D-05 Hospital and Specialty Care  No changes.	J-D-05 Hospital and Specialty Care  No changes.
<b>Section E: INMATE CARE AND TREATMENT</b> For differences between prison and jail versions in Section E, see E-02, E-04, E-06, E-09.		
P-E-01 / J-E-01 Information on Health Services (Essential)	P-E-01 Information on Health Services  No changes.	J-E-01 Information on Health Services  No changes.

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<p>P-E-02 / J-E-02 Receiving Screening (Essential)</p>	<p>P-E-02 Receiving Screening</p> <p>CI #1 restores concept of explicit medical clearance (vs receiving screening). If ADP &gt; 500, trained officers cannot do the receiving screening (but they can do the medical clearance).</p> <p>Problems identified starts the problem list and treatment planning process prior to health assessment in the Full Population Assessment option in E-04.</p> <p>Prisons choosing the Individual Assessment option in E-04 need to coordinate the receiving screening and assessment protocols closely.</p> <p>TB testing required.</p>	<p>J-E-02 Receiving Screening</p> <p>CI #1 restores concept of explicit medical clearance (vs receiving screening).</p> <p>Problems identified starts the problem list and treatment planning process prior to health assessment in the Full Population Assessment option in E-04.</p> <p>Jails choosing the Individual Assessment option in E-04 need to coordinate the receiving screening and assessment protocols closely.</p> <p>TB screening required.</p>
<p>P-E-03 / J-E-03 Transfer Screening (Essential)</p>	<p>P-E-03 Transfer Screening</p> <p>CI clarifies missing initial assessments to be done.</p>	<p>J-E-03 Transfer Screening</p> <p>CI clarifies missing initial assessments to be done.</p>
<p>P-E-04 / J-E-04 Health Assessment (Essential)</p>	<p>P-E-04 Health Assessment</p> <p>Significant change: Option for prisons with 24/7 on-site health staff: either Full Population Assessment (current procedure) or Individual Assessment When Clinically Indicated (see standard).</p> <p>Concept of periodic assessments moved to E-12.</p> <p>Pelvic/PAP required for females.</p>	<p>J-E-04 Health Assessment</p> <p>Significant change: Option for jails with 24/7 on-site health staff: either Full Population Assessment (current procedure) or Individual Assessment When Clinically Indicated (see standard).</p> <p>Concept of periodic assessments moved to E-12.</p> <p>Pelvic/PAP recommended for females.</p>
<p>P-E-05 / J-E-05 Mental Health Screening and Evaluation (Essential for prisons, Important for jails)</p>	<p>P-E-05 Mental Health Screening and Evaluation</p> <p>No changes.</p>	<p>J-E-05 Mental Health Screening and Evaluation</p> <p>No changes.</p>
<p>P-E-06 / J-E-06 Oral Care (Essential)</p>	<p>P-E-06 Oral Care</p> <p>No change: Expectation for community level of care (CI #10); dental exam required within 30 days of admission.</p>	<p>J-E-06 Oral Care</p> <p>No change: Expectation for urgent/emergent care; dental exam if inmate incarcerated 12 months.</p>
<p>P-E-07 / J-E-07 Nonemergency Health Care Requests and Services (Essential)</p>	<p>P-E-07 Nonemergency Health Care Requests and Services</p> <p>Deleted: suggested sick call ratios in Discussion; adequacy of sick call related to need and compliance with CIs # 2 &amp; 3.</p>	<p>J-E-07 Nonemergency Health Care Requests and Services</p> <p>Deleted: suggested sick call ratios in Discussion; adequacy of sick call related to need and compliance with CIs # 2 &amp; 3.</p>

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P-E-08 / J-E-08 Emergency Services (Essential)	P-E-08 Emergency Services  No changes.	J-E-08 Emergency Services  No changes.
P-E-09 / J-E-09 Segregated Inmates (Essential for prisons, Important for jails)	P-E-09 Segregated Inmates  No changes.	J-E-09 Segregated Inmates  No changes.
P-E-10 / J-E-10 Patient Escort (Important)	P-E-10 Patient Escort  No changes.	J-E-10 Patient Escort  No changes.
P-E-11 / J-E-11 Nursing Assessment Protocols (Important)	P-E-11 Nursing Assessment Protocols  No changes.	J-E-11 Nursing Assessment Protocols  No changes.
P-E-12 / J-E-12 Continuity of Care During Incarceration (Essential)	P-E-12 Continuity of Care During Incarceration  Significant changes: Expanded to include routine ongoing services, including periodic assessments; episodic illness with treatment plans required; and clinical chart reviews incorporated into requirements.	J-E-12 Continuity of Care During Incarceration  Significant changes: Standard expanded to include routine ongoing services, including periodic assessments; episodic illness with treatment plans required; and clinical chart reviews incorporated into requirements.
P-E-13 / J-E-13 Discharge Planning (Important)	P-E-13 Discharge Planning  No changes.	J-E-13 Discharge Planning  No changes.
<b>Section F: HEALTH PROMOTION</b> (Name change from Health Promotion and Disease Prevention) No differences between prison and jail versions in Section F.		
P-F-01 / J-F-01 Healthy Lifestyle Promotion (Important F-04).	J-F-01 Healthy Lifestyle Promotion  Name simplified.  Includes concept of general nutrition (formerly in F-02), exercise (formerly F-03) and personal hygiene (formerly F-04).	J-F-01 Healthy Lifestyle Promotion  Name simplified.  Includes concept of general nutrition (formerly in F-02), exercise (formerly F-03) and personal hygiene (formerly F-04).
P-F-02 / J-F-02 Nutrition and Medical Diets (Important)	P-F-02 Medical Diets  Name change to reflect standard change to focus on medical diets. General nutrition concept moved to F-01.	J-F-02 Medical Diets  Name change to reflect standard change: focus on medical diets. General nutrition concept moved to F-01.
P-F-03 / J-F-03 Exercise (Important)	Deleted.  Exercise medically needed moved to treatment plan E-12 (if episodic condition) or G-01 (if chronic condition); promoting exercise moved to F-01.	Deleted.  Exercise medically needed moved to treatment plan E-12 (if episodic condition) or G-01 (if chronic condition); promoting exercise moved to F-01.

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P-F-04 / J-F-04 Personal Hygiene (Important)	Deleted.  Hygiene issues medically needed moved to treatment plan E-12 (if episodic condition) or G-01 (if chronic condition); promoting hygiene moved to F-01.	Deleted.  Hygiene issues medically needed moved to treatment plan E-12 (if episodic condition) or G-01 (if chronic condition); promoting hygiene moved to F-01.
P-F-05 / J-F-05 Use of Tobacco (Important)	P-F-03 Use of Tobacco  No changes.	J-F-03 Use of Tobacco  No changes.
<b>Section G: SPECIAL NEEDS AND SERVICES</b> No differences between prison and jail versions in Section G.		
P-G-01 / J-G-01 Special Needs Treatment Plans (Essential)	P-G-02 Patients With Special Health Needs  Name and number change. Significant change: Focus on disability care only; treatment plans concept moved to E-12 for episodic care and to G-01 for chronic care.	J-G-02 Patients With Special Health Needs  Name and number change. Significant change: Focus on disability care only; treatment plans concept moved to E-12 for episodic care and to G-01 for chronic care.
P-G-02 / J-G-02 Management of Chronic Disease (Important)	P-G-01 Chronic Disease Services  Name and number change. Significant change: Defines requirements for comprehensive chronic care; treatment plans/flow charts for plans.	J-G-01 Chronic Disease Services  Name and number change. Significant change: Defines requirements for comprehensive chronic care; treatment plans/flow charts for plans.
P-G-03 / J-G-03 Infirmary Care (Essential)	P-G-03 Infirmary Care  Enhanced Discussion of infirmary use for care of acutely mentally ill.	J-G-03 Infirmary Care  Enhanced Discussion of infirmary use for care of acutely mentally ill.
P-G-04 / J-G-04 Mental Health Services (Essential)	P-G-04 Mental Health Services  No changes.	J-G-04 Mental Health Services  No changes.
P-G-05 / J-G-05 Suicide Prevention Program (Essential)	P-G-05 Suicide Prevention Program  Change in wording/format of standard and CIs to focus on outcome and intent; concepts the same.  "Treatment" was always implied in "Evaluation"; now it has been added as a discrete element in the prevention plan.	J-G-05 Suicide Prevention Program  Change in wording/format of standard and CIs to focus on outcome and intent; concepts the same.  "Treatment" was always implied in "Evaluation"; now it has been added as a discrete element in the prevention plan.
P-G-06 / J-G-06 Intoxication and Withdrawal (Essential)	P-G-06 Intoxication and Withdrawal  CI #7 regarding care of pregnant, opioid-dependent inmates moved to G-07.	J-G-06 Intoxication and Withdrawal  CI #7 regarding care of pregnant, opioid-dependent inmates moved to G-07.
P-G-07 / J-G-07 Care of the Pregnant Inmate (Essential)	P-G-07 Care of the Pregnant Inmate  CI regarding opioid-dependent inmates moved here from G-06.	J-G-07 Care of the Pregnant Inmate  CI regarding opioid-dependent inmates moved here from G-06.

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P-G-08 / J-G-08 Inmates With Alcohol and Other Drug Problems (Important)	P-G-08 Inmates With Alcohol and Other Drug Problems  Recommendation includes reference to on-site OTP.	J-G-08 Inmates With Alcohol and Other Drug Problems  Recommendation includes reference to on-site OTP.
P-G-09 / J-G-09 Procedure in the Event of Sexual Assault (Important)	Moved to B-04.	Moved to B-04.
P-G-10 / J-G-10 Pregnancy Counseling (Important)	P-G-09 Pregnancy Counseling  No changes.	J-G-09 Pregnancy Counseling  No changes.
P-G-11 / J-G-11 Orthoses, Prostheses, and Other Aids to Impairment (Important)	P-G-10 Orthoses, Prostheses, and Other Aids to Impairment  No changes.	J-G-10 Orthoses, Prostheses, and Other Aids to Impairment  No changes.
P-G-12 / J-G-12 Care for the Terminally Ill (Important)	P-G-11 Care for the Terminally Ill  No changes.	J-G-11 Care for the Terminally Ill  No changes.
<b>Section H: HEALTH RECORDS</b> No differences between prison and jail versions in Section H.		
P-H-01 / J-H-01 Health Record Format and Contents (Essential)	P-H-01 Health Record Format and Contents  No changes.	J-H-01 Health Record Format and Contents  No changes.
P-H-02 / J-H-02 Confidentiality of Health Records and Information (Essential)	P-H-02 Confidentiality of Health Records  Name and content change to reflect move of confidentiality of information to A-09.	J-H-02 Confidentiality of Health Records  Name and content change to reflect move of confidentiality of information to A-09.
P-H-03 / J-H-03 Access to Custody Information (Important)	P-H-03 Access to Custody Information  No changes.	J-H-03 Access to Custody Information  No changes.
P-H-04 / J-H-04 Availability and Use of Health Records (Important)	P-H-04 Management of Health Records  Name change to reflect combined concepts from H-04, H-05, H-06.	J-H-04 Management of Health Records  Name change to reflect combined concepts from H-04, H-05, H-06.
P-H-05 / J-H-05 Transfer of Health Records (Important)	Deleted.  Concept moved to H-04.	Deleted.  Concept moved to H-04.

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P-H-06 / J-H-06 Retention of Health Records (Important)	Deleted. Concept moved to H-04.	Deleted. Concept moved to H-04.
<b>Section I: MEDICAL-LEGAL ISSUES</b>		
For differences between prison and jail versions in Section I, see standard I-07.		
P-I-01 / J-I-01 Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Correctional Facilities (Essential)	P-I-01 Restraint and Seclusion in Correctional Facilities Name simplified.	J-I-01 Restraint and Seclusion in Correctional Facilities Name simplified.
P-I-02 / J-I-02 Emergency Psychotropic Medication (Essential)	P-I-02 Emergency Psychotropic Medication No changes.	J-I-02 Emergency Psychotropic Medication No changes.
P-I-03 / J-I-03 Forensic Information (Important)	P-I-03 Forensic Information No changes.	J-I-03 Forensic Information No changes.
P-I-04 / J-I-04 End-of-Life Decision Making (Important)	P-I-04 End-of-Life Decision Making No changes.	J-I-04 End-of-Life Decision Making No changes.
P-I-05 / J-I-05 Informed Consent (Important)	P-I-05 Informed Consent and Right to Refuse Treatment Name change to reflect combination of consent and right to refuse in one standard; concepts unchanged.	J-I-05 Informed Consent and Right to Refuse Treatment Name change to reflect combination of consent and right to refuse in one standard; concepts unchanged.
P-I-06 / J-I-06 Right to Refuse Treatment (Important)	Deleted. Concept moved to I-05.	Deleted. Concept moved to I-05.
P-I-07 / J-I-07 Medical and Other Research (Important)	P-I-06 Medical and Other Research No changes.	J-I-06 Medical and Other Research No changes.
P-I-08 Executions (Important)	P-I-07 Executions No changes.	N/A for jails