Highlights of Title 15 Regulation Revisions Effective April 1, 2017
Minimum Standards for Local Adult Detention Facilities
(Reference the complete regulation revisions package for the full digest of revisions.)

§ 1027.5 Safety Checks (new) – No more than a 60 minute lapse between safety checks.

§ 1030 Suicide Prevention Program (formerly § 1219) – Moved from medical/mental health section to operations section, and requires a more comprehensive program (training, communication, screening, housing, supervision, interventions, reports and incident reviews).

§ 1046 Death in Custody – Requires an initial review of every in-custody death within 30 days.

§ 1055 Use of Safety Cell – Changes include:
  o Continued retention review now required every four hours (formerly eight hours).
  o Medical/mental health opinion/consult now required within 12 hours (formerly 24 hours).

§ 1056 Use of Sobering Cell – Adds that at 12 hours from time of placement, health care staff evaluation is needed.

§ 1058 Use of Restraint Devices – Changes include:
  o Continued retention reviewed every hour (formerly every two hours).
  o Medical opinion on placement and retention within one hour (formerly four hours).
  o Medical assessment within four hours.
  o After eight hours, the inmate shall be taken to a medical facility for further evaluation.

§ 1058.5 Restraints and Pregnant Inmates (new) – The language from PC 3407 is reflected.

§ 1081 Plan for Inmate Discipline – Regulation rewritten/re-ordered for clarity. Additions for consistency with case law include:
  o At hearing, the inmate shall have access to staff or inmate assistance when the inmate is illiterate or issues are complex.
  o The inmate shall be provided in writing the evidence relied on and the reasons for the disciplinary action.

§ 1207 Medical Receiving Screening – Includes provisions for the training of facility staff who perform intake screening.

§ 1208.5 Health Care Maintenance (new) – Requires health maintenance visit within an inmate’s second anniversary and reasonable intervals thereafter.

§ 1209 Mental Health Services and Transfer to Treatment Facility – Expands the requirements for services.

§ 1210 Individualized Treatment Plans – Adds considerations for the treatment plan.

§ 1270 Standard Bedding and Linen Issue – Adds that two blankets or a sleep bag may be issued in place of one mattress cover or a sheet.