

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).
 - 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:
 - Continued retention reviewed every hour (formerly every two hours).
 - Medical opinion on placement and retention within one hour (formerly four hours).
 - Medical assessment within four hours.
 - 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:
 - At hearing, the inmate shall have access to staff or inmate assistance when the inmate is illiterate or issues are complex.
 - 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.