



VOLUME 7: CHRONIC CARE PROGRAM	Effective Date: 12/03
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CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

- Patient-inmates with chronic health conditions are screened, identified and treated.
- Patient-inmates with chronic health conditions receive appropriate follow up and continuity of care.
- Health care professionals are provided with approved treatment guidelines for the treatment of specific chronic disease.
- Patient-inmates receive health care education, counseling, and targeted goal-setting for practicing healthy behaviors, managing their own chronic illness, and improving their health outcomes and quality of life.

II. POLICY

The California Prison Health Care Services (CPHCS) will provide a system to identify patient-inmates with chronic health conditions and provide them with medically necessary health care services using an evidence-based chronic care model (hereinafter referred to as the Chronic Disease Management Program or CDMP).

Clinical guidelines approved by the Clinical Guidelines Committee, which are contained in the clinical guidelines manual, shall be referenced as the minimum standard of practice. Primary care providers should use screening, diagnosis, and treatment guidelines as decision support tools that reflect the most current evidence-based practice. These tools and clinical guidelines do not supplant an individual provider's clinical judgment.

This policy and related procedure (Chapter 1B, CDMP Procedure) replace Chapters 2 through 12 in Volume 7, Chronic Care Program, which are deleted in their entirety.

III. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER POLICIES

The CDMP fits within the framework of the primary care model which is defined in the Primary Care Model Policy and Procedure.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee of each institution is ultimately responsible for the implementation, monitoring and evaluating of this CDMP policy.

V. DEFINITIONS

Chronic Disease: Any current medical problem that impacts or has the potential to impact a patient-inmate's functioning and long-term prognosis that has lasted, or is expected to last for more than six months. Chronic diseases include but are not limited to cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, some gynecological disorders or diseases, chronic infectious diseases, chronic pulmonary diseases, and seizure disorders.

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REFERENCES

- Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures (IMSP&P), Volume 4, Chapter 4A, Primary Care Model Policy and Procedure.