

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: ASSESSMENT

POLICY # A-11

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SUBJECT: Vision Screening

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 2007

SUPERCEDES DATE: NONE

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines in conducting vision screening.

POLICY

All inmates will have their near and far vision screened upon entering the prison system and at the time of their periodic health examination. Nursing staff shall perform the screening. The periodic examination is every 5 years for inmates under age 50 and every year for inmates age 50 and above.

PROCEDURE

1. Far vision will be screened by utilizing the Snellen eye chart at a distance of 20 feet.
2. Near vision will be screened by utilizing the Rosenbaum eye chart at a distance of 14 inches.
3. Both eyes are to be assessed with and without glasses.
4. Values are to be recorded on the Report of Medical Examination, DC-386.



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