

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient

POLICY # TX III-4

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SUBJECT: Use of Administrative Segregation for Behavioral
Observation

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References

Related ACA Standard

**4th Edition Standards for Adult Correctional
Institutions 4-4400, 4-4257**

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on the use of Administrative Segregation (ASEG) single-cell housing with inmates for behavioral observation in consultation with mental health staff.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Division of Prisons that ASEG housing for behavioral observation is a relatively brief intervention undertaken with the cooperation of Custody staff and other treatment disciplines. The use of ASEG housing for this reason shall be consistent with existing Division of Prisons policy, Administrative Segregation Chapter C-.0300. Such segregation housing is not a treatment intervention. It serves to allow for close observation to permit staff to determine whether treatment is indicated.

PROCEDURE

1. The use of ASEG with inmates for observation shall be a cooperative effort including the mental health clinician, the officer in charge (OIC), and relevant staff from other disciplines.
2. An inmate can be assigned to single cell housing (ASEG) only by the OIC for up to 72 hours, in accordance with existing policy. The use of ASEG beyond 72 hours requires the approval of the facility head (or designee) in accordance with DOP policy.
3. Assigning an inmate to ASEG housing may be initiated in order to remove the inmate from a stressful living situation, to provide for closer control and observation while mental health staff determine the need for mental health treatment, to temporarily house an inmate away from the general population while awaiting transfer to a mental health treatment facility, or for other reasons determined by mental health staff at the time.
4. Observation requirements
 - (a) In the event that self-injurious behavior or threats triggered the inmate's single-cell housing the inmate's condition of confinement, observation and documentation requirements will be implemented in accordance with the existing Division of Prisons (DOP), Health Services Policy, Self-Injurious Behavior TX III-7.
 - (b) Otherwise, the inmate shall be personally observed by custody staff more frequently than every thirty (30) minutes on an irregular schedule in accordance with Division of Prisons policy, Conditions of Confinement (e) Chapter C-.1200. Each observation shall be documented on the Segregation Log DC-141 at the time of the observation occurred.
5. The clinician responsible for the inmate shall document in the inmate's health care record the conditions of the inmate's confinement and all encounters with the inmate while in single-cell housing on the DC-540 and the Chronological Record DC-387.
6. The clinician shall have daily contact with the inmate and document the encounter on the DC-540 and the Chronological Record DC-387 or daily telephone contact with Custody staff responsible for reporting observation

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of the inmate to the clinician. The direct contact and/or verbal reports shall be documented by the clinician on the DC-540 no later than the next working day.

7. Inmates in ASEG housing for behavioral observation shall be followed by medical staff in accordance with existing Division of Prisons Health Services (Inmates in Segregation A-5) policies.



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SOR: DOP Policy, Administrative Segregation Chapter C-.0300
DOP, Health Services Policy, Self-Injurious Behavior TX III-7
DOP Health Services Policy, Inmates in Segregation A-5
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