



WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy and Procedure #4.317

Care of the Pregnant Inmate

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REFERENCE

1. ATTACHMENTS – None Noted
2. OTHER – None Noted



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I. PURPOSE

- A. Care of the Pregnant Inmate.** The purpose of this policy and procedure is to establish uniform guidelines regarding the management and care of pregnant inmates incarcerated in Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) facilities.

II. POLICY

- A. Access to Pregnancy Management Services.** It is the policy of WDOC that female inmates are given access to pregnancy management services.
1. Pregnant inmates shall receive timely and appropriate prenatal care, specialized obstetrical services when indicated, and postpartum care. (P-G-07).
 2. Comprehensive counseling and assistance shall be provided to pregnant inmates in keeping with their expressed desires in planning for their unborn children. (ACA 4-4436)

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. None Noted**

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Pregnancy Management.** WDOC facilities housing female offenders shall provide inmates with pregnancy management services. (ACA 4-4353 Revised) Services shall include:
1. Pregnancy testing;
 - i. To ensure proper medical and social services, the female inmate shall inform health care staff as soon as she suspects she is pregnant;
 2. Prenatal care;
 - i. Routine and high-risk prenatal care shall be provided to pregnant inmates to include:
 - a. Medical examinations;



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- ii. Pregnant inmates in need of transport to local hospitals shall not normally be shackled. Restraints shall only be applied when deemed necessary in accordance with Section IV. G of WDOC Policy and Procedure #3.001, *Use of Restraints*.
- iii. In the unlikely event a birth takes place inside a WDOC facility, the birth certificate shall not list the correctional facility as a place of birth unless such is required by Wyoming Vital Statistics Services. (ACA 4-4353 Revised)

D. Post Delivery

- 1. Inmates giving birth while in custody shall not be permitted to bring their newborn child back into the facility unless approved through the Mother/Child program criteria. They are required, with WDOC staff or health care staff assistance, to arrange for custody of the child to be transferred to an outside source.
 - i. Where nursing infants are allowed to remain with their mothers, provisions are made for a nursery, staffed by qualified persons, where the infants are placed when they are not in the care of their mothers. (ACA 4-4353-1)
 - a. A Mother/Child program may only be established at the Wyoming Women's Center.
 - b. All treatment, care, and programming provided within the Mother/Child program shall be through an approved curriculum.
 - c. Inmates wishing to participate in this program shall be required to meet all of the criteria established in the approved curriculum. An application will be available within the facility for inmates to apply.
 - ii. Inmates who wish to place their child for adoption or foster placement will be offered information by WDOC staff regarding available options under Wyoming state law.

V. TRAINING POINTS

- A. What do pregnancy management services encompass?
- B. How are deliveries handled?



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C. Can nursing infants remain with their inmate mothers inside the facility?