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CRISIS STABILIZATION PROGRAM (CSP)

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07-01-2005**

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07-01-2005**

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NON-RESTRICTED

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APPLICABILITY:

This procedure applies to all employees of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) involved in the activation of the Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) for offenders.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) to establish a Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) plan for offenders who engage in repeated dangerous and/or assaultive conduct that may threaten the safety of staff, offenders, the public and the security of the facility.

DEFINITIONS:

Assaultive Conduct - Conduct in which an inmate attacks another (i.e., including, but not limited to instances in which an inmate throws offensive items such as bodily substances or fluids; constantly barrages another with threatening or verbal assaults; and/or attacks another with or without a weapon).

Dangerous Conduct - Conduct that threatens the security and/or orderly operation of the facility, encourages or incites a disruptive atmosphere, or creates a serious health hazard (i.e., including, but not limited to destruction of state property, sexual misconduct, and self-injurious conduct in which an inmate engages if the self-injurious conduct is not the result of a serious mental disorder).

Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) Plan - A plan on which the prison places an inmate to end the inmate's assaultive and/or dangerous conduct.

Serious Mental Disorder - A clinical disorder that is a disorder of thought, mood or anxiety included under Axis I of the DSM IV (i.e., schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder).

Unit Management Team - A team having the authority to activate the CSP. It will include the Unit Warden, a psychiatrist, a licensed Mental Health Professional (MHP), a licensed Registered Nurse, the inmate's case manager, a correctional officer, and/or any designees. The Unit Warden will be the team leader.

PROCEDURES:

Crisis Stabilization Program Referral

The MDOC facilities may initiate a CSP plan only in case of the following:

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- The inmate is referred by security staff via completion of the Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) Referral and Activation Report form, or has a documented history of an extraordinary occurrence report of assaultive and/or dangerous conduct within the last six (6) months and when other management tools have not prevented or stopped the assaultive and/or disruptive behavior as deemed appropriate by the Unit Management Team. The plan is not punitive but is the last recourse for controlling an inmate's dangerous and/or assaultive conduct; and
- A mental health professional has performed a psychological assessment of the inmate within 72 hours of the determination that he/she is a candidate for the program:
 - The inmate is knowingly, willingly and purposefully engaging in the assaultive and/or dangerous behavior.
 - Psychological assessment suggests that the inmate may benefit from the program.

Development of the CSP Plan

If all the requirements of the above procedures are met, the Unit Management Team will draft the plan that will meet the individual needs of the inmate.

The plan must be documented on the Crisis Stabilization (CSP) Referral and Activation Report form and include documentation of the following:

- The specific assaultive and/or dangerous conduct in which the inmate has engaged so as to necessitate the plan.
- Examples of appropriate conduct that the plan is designed to achieve;
- The actions the prison will take to attempt to modify the assaultive and/or dangerous conduct, (i.e., turn water off);
- The date and time at which the plan will become effective; and
- The signatures of the Unit Management Team who helped prepare the plan.

The Warden or designee will provide the inmate with a copy of the CSP plan and will review it with the inmate and will apprise the inmate of the following:

- The inappropriate conduct in which the inmate has engaged;
- The appropriate conduct the Crisis Stabilization Unit expects;
- When the inmate starts Step #1 of the plan, the inmate must successfully complete all steps of the plan before he/she will be returned to his/her pre-plan status;
- The different steps of the plan and what he/she should expect in each step; and,

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- That the plan is not punishment, but a method to gain his/her compliance with appropriate expectations.

The Warden or designee will attempt to have the inmate sign the plan at the time of activation or at a time when the inmate's behavior is not out of control. The plan will be placed in the inmate's unit file; and, upon completion of the program, a copy will be placed in the inmate's medical record.

Activation of the Plan

The activation date must be decided upon by the Unit Management Team. The inmate will be on the CSP plan no longer than six (6) months. The Unit Management Team will re-convene to consider individual plan modification when or if an inmate approaches six (6) months of being on the plan.

A strip search and cell search must be done immediately prior to the placement of the inmate in the Crisis Stabilization Unit.

The Shift Commander or Mississippi Highway Patrol (MHP) must notify the Warden or Duty Officer of the need to activate the plan in order that the inmate may be securely transported to the Crisis Stabilization Unit.

The officer in charge of the inmate's unit must prepare an Incident Report and an Extraordinary Occurrence Report.

The Crisis Stabilization Plan

Step #1

A. The inmate will be transferred to a designated housing unit (i.e., Crisis Stabilization Unit)

B. All items will be removed from his cell except the following:

- Security mattress
- Security blanket
- Safety gown

C. Meals will consist of NutraLoaf in an appropriate container and water.

D. The unit staff may turn off the inmate's water in his cell during Step #1 and #2 of the plan if the inmate has previously flooded his cell and the plan seeks to end the inmate's previous flooding behavior. Otherwise, the water may remain on.

E. Security staff will observe an inmate at random intervals but will conduct a minimum check of every 30 minutes during each shift and will document the appropriate information on the Behavioral Observation Form at the end of each shift.

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- F. Inmate must maintain three (3) days of appropriate conduct identified in this step in order to progress to Step #2 and must receive clearance from at least two (2) members of the Unit Management Team.

Step #2

- A. Inmate will receive pillow and state-issued clothing. Meals will continue to consist of NutraLoaf and water only. Paper and pen/pencil will be provided.
- B. Inmate must maintain another three (3) days of appropriate conduct as identified in this step in order to progress to Step #3 and receive clearance from at least two (2) members of the Unit Management Team.

Step #3

- A. Control of the water in the cell will be returned to the inmate if it was deemed appropriate to turn off in order to prevent flooding.
- B. Educational materials will be discussed and provided.
- C. The inmate will receive regular bedding and regular meals.
- D. After three (3) days of appropriate conduct on Step #3, the Unit Management Team will deactivate the Plan and reinstate all privileges that are appropriate to the inmate's custody level.

Inmates on the activated CSP must maintain basic hygiene and must keep cell clean or will be returned to Day 1 of Step #1. Inmates will be offered showers in accordance with the assigned building schedule. Inmates must have one (1) hour out for every 23 hours in the cell.

Artificial lighting will be provided 30 minutes, morning, noon and night for reading and writing letters.

Inmates on the activated CSP who initially had control of water in the cell and uses an item, such as clothing, security mattress, NutraLoaf, or security blanket to plug the toilet, will lose control of the water to custody staff and will be returned to Day 1 of Step #1.

* Inmates on the activated CSP will not receive out-of-cell recreation during Step #1 of the plan. The Unit Management Team will evaluate this lack of recreation access routinely and make appropriate recommendations.

Any time during activation of the CSP that the inmate engages in prohibited conduct described in his plan, he will be placed back on Day 1 of Step #1.

The Unit Management Team will deactivate the plan if the inmate has complied and progressed through Step #1, #2, and #3 according to established procedures.

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*Other security procedures may be implemented during this time to ensure care, custody, and control as provided in MDOC Policies and Procedures 19-01, Offender Segregation, and SOP 19-01-01, Offender Segregation.

Crisis Stabilization Program Reviews

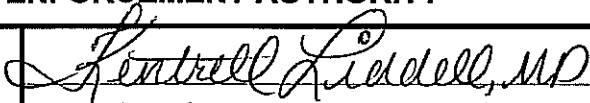
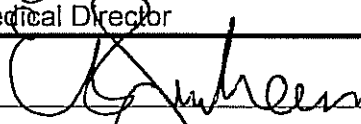
Inmate's compliance or noncompliance with the CSP will be reviewed at least weekly by the Unit Management Team. On active plan reviews, the committee may change plan details as deemed appropriate and must inform the inmate of such changes. Appropriate information will be documented on the CSP Weekly Review form.

Quality Assurance Program (to be included in the MDOC Annual Report)

- Number of RVRs of each inmate before his participation in the program and afterwards
- Number of times a particular inmate has to re-enter the CSP
- Number of grievances, Use of Force, and MDOC Extraordinary Occurrence Reports of each inmate before his participation in the program and afterwards

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Crisis Stabilization Program Referral and Activation Report
 Behavioral Observation Form
 Incident Report
 Medical Report (if applicable)
 Extraordinary Occurrence Report
 Use of Force Report (if applicable)
 Crisis Stabilization Program Weekly Review
 As required by this procedure and through the chain of command.

ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY		
Reviewed and Approved for Issuance	 Medical Director	7/1/05 Date
	 Deputy Commissioner of Institutions	7/1/05 Date