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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) to establish classes of offender segregation.

DEFINITIONS:

Segregation – The confinement of an offender to an individual cell apart from the general population.

Administrative Segregation – A form of separation from the general offender population where the continued presence of the offender in the general population would pose a threat to life, property, self, staff, other offenders, or the security and/or orderly running of the facility.

Protective Custody – A form of separation of an offender from the general offender population who has requested or requires protection from other offenders.

Disciplinary Detention – A form of segregation from the general offender population in which an offender committing a serious violation of conduct is confined by the Disciplinary Hearing Officer for a designated period of time.

Health Care – The management of the physical and mental well-being of offenders.

Alternative Meals – Special food provided to offenders that comply with medical, religious or security requirements.

Management Isolation – Segregation of an offender in a cell environment in order to limit staff/other offender contact, restrict property, services, and activities due to his/her physical actions and/or threats that pose a risk to the offender, staff and/or other offenders.

PRECEPTS:

Adult Correctional institutions: When segregation units exist, written policy and procedure govern their operation for the supervision of inmates under administrative segregation, protective custody, and disciplinary detention [4-4249].

Adult Correctional institutions: The warden/superintendent or shift supervisor can order immediate segregation when it is necessary to protect the inmate and others. The action is reviewed within 72 hours by the appropriate authority [4-4250].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that an inmate is admitted to the segregation unit for protective custody only when there is documentation that protective custody is warranted and no reasonable alternatives are available [4-4251].

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Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that an inmate is placed in disciplinary detention for a rule violation only after a hearing by the disciplinary committee or hearing examiner [4-4252].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for a review of the status of inmates in administrative segregation and protective custody by the classification committee or other authorized staff group every seven days for the first two months and at least every 30 days thereafter [4-4253].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice specify the review process used to release an inmate from administrative segregation and protective custody [4-4254].

Adult Correctional institutions: There is a sanctioning schedule for institutional rule violations. Continuous confinement for more than 30 days requires the review and approval of the warden/superintendent. Inmates held in disciplinary detention for periods exceeding 60 days are provided the same program services and privileges as inmates in administrative segregation and protective custody [4-4255].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that a qualified mental health professional personally interviews and prepares a written report on any inmate remaining in segregation for more than 30 days. If confinement continues beyond 30 days, a mental health assessment by a qualified mental health professional is made at least every three months-more frequently if prescribed by the chief medical authority [4-4256].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice require that all special management inmates are personally observed by a correctional officer at least every 30 minutes on an irregular schedule. Inmates who are violent or mentally disordered or who demonstrate unusual or bizarre behavior receive more frequent observation; suicidal inmates are under continuing observation [4-4257].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation receive daily visits from the senior correctional supervisor in charge, daily visits from a qualified health care official (unless medical attention is needed more frequently), and visits from members of the program staff upon request [4-4258].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy and procedure govern the selection criteria, supervision, and rotation of staff who work directly with inmates in segregation on a regular and daily basis [4-4259].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that staff operating segregation units maintain a permanent log [4-4260].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that all inmates in segregation are provided prescribed medication, clothing that is not degrading, and access to basic personal items for use in their cells unless there is imminent danger that an inmate or any other inmate(s) will destroy an item or induce self-injury [4-4261].

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Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation have the opportunity to shave and shower at least three times per week [4-4262].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation receive laundry, barbering, and hair care services and are issued and exchange clothing, bedding, and linen on the same basis as inmates in the general population. Exceptions are permitted only when found necessary by the senior officer on duty; any exception is recorded in the unit log and justified in writing [4-4263].

Adult Correctional institutions: Alternative meal service may be provided to an inmate in segregation who uses food or food service equipment in a manner that is hazardous to self, staff or other inmates. Alternative meal service is on an individual basis, is based on health or safety considerations only, meets basic nutritional requirements, and occurs with the written approval of the warden/superintendent and responsible health authority. The substitution period shall not exceed seven days [4-4264].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that whenever an inmate in segregation is deprived of any usually authorized item or activity, a report of action is filed in the inmate's case record and forwarded to the chief security officer [4-4265].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation can write and receive letters on the same basis as inmates in the general population [4-4266].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation have opportunities for visitation unless there are substantial reasons for withholding such privileges [4-4267].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation have access to legal materials [4-4268].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation have access to reading materials [4-4269].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in segregation receive a minimum of one hour of exercise per day outside their cells, five days per week, unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise [4-4270].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that inmates in administrative segregation and protective custody are allowed telephone privileges [4-4271].

Adult Correctional institutions: Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that, unless authorized by the warden/superintendent or designee, inmates in disciplinary detention are allowed limited telephone privileges except for calls related specifically to access to the attorney of record [4-4272].

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Adult Correctional Institutions: Written policy, procedure and practice provide that inmates in administrative segregation and protective custody have access to programs and services that include, but are not limited to, the following: educational services, commissary services, library services, social services, counseling services, religious guidance, and recreational programs [4-4273].

The Commissioner or designee will establish procedures regarding offender segregation to include, but not be limited to:

- Administrative Segregation
- Protective Custody
- Disciplinary Detention
- Management Isolation
- Supervision of offenders in segregation
- Conditions of segregation confinement
- Programs and services for offenders in segregation



The Director of Offender Services or designee will develop procedures to include, but not be limited to:

- Documentation for placement of offenders in segregation
- Continued housing of offenders in segregation
- Safety of offenders in segregation
- Removal of offenders from segregation
- Classification review status

Procedures developed by the Director of Offender Services or designee will be reviewed by the Deputy Commissioner of Institutions.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

As required by this policy and through the chain of command.

ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	
All standard operating procedures (SOP's) and/or other directive documents related to the implementation and enforcement of this policy shall bear the signature of and be issued under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner of Institutions.	
Reviewed and Approved for Issuance	 6/18/2010 General Counsel Date
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