

<b>ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>  <b>DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS</b>  <b>POLICY AND PROCEDURE</b>	<b>NUMBER:</b> 13.08	<b>PAGES:</b> 1 of 1
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<b>CHAPTER:</b> Medical and Health Care Services	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Transportation of Inmates to Scheduled Mental and/or Medical Appointments	

- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish a procedure for the safe transporting of inmates to scheduled mental and/or medical appointments.
- II. **POLICY:** It is the policy of the Sheriff's Office to provide for the medical and mental health care of inmates in its custody, which may include the transporting of inmates to internal and external scheduled mental health and/or medical appointments.
- III. **PROCEDURE:**
  - A. Inmates scheduled for mental health and/or medical appointments will be transported to the appropriate facility as scheduled.
  - B. Inmates have no right to refuse (except as indicated in 'D' below) to be transported to scheduled appointments; however, they may refuse treatment upon arrival.
  - C. Physical force will not be used on any inmate who refuses to be transported for such appointments.
  - D. If the scheduled appointment is marked "discretionary" by medical staff personnel, or the inmate threatens physical resistance to being transported, the inmate may refuse transportation and subsequent treatment. Deputies should make every effort to encourage inmates to attend medical and mental health appointments.
  - E. The refusal (discretionary or mandatory appointment) must be accompanied by a signed waiver for treatment on the prescribed form (Inmate Medical/Mental Appointment Refusal Form). The original Inmate Medical/Mental Appointment Refusal form is to be completed by the deputy accepting the refusal and forwarded to the facility clinic sergeant for inclusion with the medical records. Clinic staff will forward the completed Inmate Medical/Mental Appointment Refusal Form to the appropriate medical or mental health personnel and send a copy to the Classification Unit to be filed with the inmate's custody file.