



**Maryland-National Capital Park Police  
Prince George's County Division**



**DIVISION DIRECTIVE**

TITLE <b>PRISONERS REQUIRING MEDICAL TREATMENT</b>			PROCEDURE NUMBER <b>PG1004.0</b>
SECTION <b>Adult Arrest Procedures</b>	DISTRIBUTION <b>A</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE <b>01/20/17</b>	REVIEW DATE <b>05/01/21</b>
REPLACES <b>PG1004.0 "Prisoners Requiring Medical Treatment", issued 05/01/02</b>			
RELATED DIRECTIVES <b>PG1000.0</b>	REFERENCES <b>CALEA 1</b>	AUTHORITY  <i>S.R. Johnson</i> <b>Chief Stanley R. Johnson</b>	

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this directive is to establish procedures for the security and control of prisoners transported to medical facilities for examination, treatment or admission.

**II. POLICY**

It is the policy of this Division to provide prompt medical treatment to all prisoners in need thereof. All prisoners in our custody who are sick or injured shall be provided with the level of treatment commensurate with their illness or injury. It is not our responsibility to guard prisoners who are taken to a hospital from any other detention facility.

**III. PROCEDURES**

- A. The prisoner shall be secured in accordance with Division Directive PG1002.0 - "Use of Restraints" and transported in accordance with Division Directive PG1000.0 - "Transporting Prisoners".
- B. A Commander's Report shall be submitted to the Area Operations Assistant Chief by the Operations Duty Officer (ODO), or Shift Supervisor if no ODO is on duty, before the end of their tour of duty, detailing:
  - 1. Medical reason for the transport.
  - 2. Total hours spent on the transport.

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3. Current medical status of the prisoner.

**C. Guarding Prisoners**

1. Officers shall remain with prisoners at all times while they are receiving medical treatment, unless that treatment may be hazardous to the officer, i.e. x-rays.
2. If it is necessary to admit the prisoner to the hospital, members of this Division shall be responsible for providing continuous security.
  - a. The duty post of the officer shall be inside the prisoner's room. If the prisoner has an infectious disease that could be transmitted to the officer merely by his/her presence in the room, the duty post shall be immediately outside the entrance to the prisoner's room. The existence of the disease shall be confirmed by the prisoners attending physician before the duty post is established or changed.
  - b. An appropriate level of illumination shall be maintained in the room at all times for security reasons.
  - c. Guarding officers shall inspect all articles coming into the prisoner's room.
  - d. Visitors are not permitted unless the prisoner's condition is critical and then only immediate family or next of kin will be permitted to visit. Only one visitor will be allowed in the room at a time.
    - 1) Approval for visitation must be obtained from the physician and on-duty shift supervisor who shall assign an appropriate number of officers for the visitation and make any other necessary arrangements.
    - 2) Guarding officers shall ensure that no physical contact between visitor and prisoner occurs. One officer will observe the prisoner and visitor while an additional officer guards the door.
  - e. At the conclusion of the detail the Operations Duty Officer (ODO) or shift supervisor shall notify the Area Operations Assistant Chief, by memorandum, of the medical findings, status of the prisoner and the date and time of his/her release from the hospital.

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