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**References**

**Performance-Based Standards and Expected Practices for Adult Correctional Institutions, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition 5-ACI-6A-10(M); DOP Policy Chapter F .1100 Transporting Offenders**

**I. PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the care and management of pregnant offenders and offenders of reproductive age.

**II. POLICY**

All offenders of reproductive age will have a pregnancy test as part of routine processing labs and whenever medically indicated. All offenders with confirmed pregnancy shall be housed at North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW). Comprehensive counseling and medical care are given to pregnant offenders in keeping with their expressed desires in planning for their unborn children. Pregnant offenders will be referred to the Social Worker for assistance with planning.

(a) **Prenatal Care** – Pregnant offenders remaining in prison after pregnancy has been diagnosed will receive appropriate routine or high risk prenatal care based on their individual risk factors, to include:


- (1) medical and laboratory examinations
- (2) advice on appropriate levels of activity
- (3) safety precautions
- (4) nutrition guidance
- (5) counseling
- (6) management of chemical addiction if indicated



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- (b) **Transporting and Use of Restraints** will be in accordance DOP Policy Chapter F .1100, Transporting Offenders.
- (c) **Birth Certificate/Registry** does not list the correctional facility as the birthplace.
- (c) **Postpartum Care** – All pregnant offenders will receive a postpartum follow-up visit.
- (d) **Family Planning** – All offenders of reproductive age will receive family planning counseling and services as part of their routine health care prior to discharge.

  
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