



*State of North Carolina
Department of Public Safety
Prisons*

Chapter: CC
Section: 4
Title: **Pregnancy Management**
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INTERIM POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this interim policy is to make a change to a policy prior to the annual review date. The interim policy will be incorporated into the actual policy during the next annual review. All interim policies shall be updated no more than six months past the annual review date. Revisions are highlighted in turquoise. Please review published policy for reference.

NEW LANGUAGE

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the care and management of pregnant offenders and offenders during postpartum recovery.

II. POLICY

(a) **Prenatal Care**

(1) 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:

- (A) Medical and laboratory examinations
- (B) Advice on appropriate levels of activity
- (C) Safety precautions
- (D) Nutrition guidance
- (E) Counseling
- (F) Management of chemical addiction if indicated

(2) Pregnant offenders shall be assigned to a bed three (3) feet or less from the floor.

(b) **Transporting and Use of Restraints** will be in accordance with Prisons Policy Chapter F .1100, Transporting Offenders

(c) **Postpartum Care**

(1) All postpartum offenders shall be assigned to a bed three (3) feet or less from the floor.

(2) All postpartum offenders will receive a postpartum follow-up visit.

(3) Following the delivery of a newborn by an offender, the newborn shall be allowed to remain with the offender while she is in the hospital, unless the medical provider has a

reasonable belief that remaining with the offender poses a health or safety risk to the newborn.

- (d) **Birth Certificate/Registry** does not list the correctional facility as the birthplace.
- (e) **Family Planning** – All offenders of reproductive age will receive family planning counseling and services as part of their routine health care prior to discharge.

SUMMARY:

The following policy changes have been implemented to comply with NCGS 148-25.2:

- CC-4 I.
- CC-4 II. has undergone several revisions including reformatting and renumbering

FILING:

This Interim Policy will be filed in the Power DMS system and on the Prisons web page along with the original policy.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Director of Health and Wellness Services is responsible for ensuring the content of this interim policy and procedure is included in a revised policy and updated through the annual review process.



Commissioner of Prisons

December 1, 2021

Date

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