

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Operations Division**  
**Health Services Policy and Procedure #P-I-02.2**

SUBJECT: INVOLUNTARY MEDICATIONS

POLICY: Health Services will ensure a safe system is in place to provide guidelines to institution staff to proceed with the administration of involuntary psychotropic medication. This policy only applies to institutions that have on-site Behavioral Health Services staff.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-I-02  
Health Services Policy and Procedure #P-I-02.1  
OAR: 291-064-0700

PROCEDURE:

- A. The process for involuntary medications is pursued when the treating prescriber determines the need for sustained treatment for a chronic mental illness and the inmate cannot provide legal consent.
- B. Per Health Services Policy P-I-02.1 – Tracking Medication Compliance on Crucial Mental Health Inmates – Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff maintains a list of inmates that includes those who have physician’s orders for involuntary medication.
- C. The prescribing practitioner will write a Physician Order for involuntary medications and this order applies to all psychotropic medications ordered for the inmate.
- D. A decision will be made which can range from “wait and watch” to forced medication.
- E. If it’s determined that forced medication is necessary, the Officer-in-Charge will be notified to assist in determining what additional security resources will be needed as well as the safest place in the institution to administer the medication.
- F. Security staff will secure the inmate per security procedures to provide for safety of both the staff and inmate.

- G. A nurse will administer the injection using proper technique. OAR 291-124-0700 covers the nurse's liability to administer involuntary medication.
- H. Security will release the inmate per security procedures.
- I. The incident will be thoroughly documented in the inmate's health care record.

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