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SUBJECT: Prenatal Care/Pregnant Inmates/Residents		

I. AUTHORITY:

The Board of Correction and Community Punishment (BCCP) is vested with the authority to promulgate administrative regulations by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-27-105, 16-93-1203 and 16-93-1205.

II. APPLICABILITY:

Department of Correction (DOC and Department of Community Punishment (DCP) inmates/residents and employees.

III. POLICY:

- A. To ensure that pregnant inmates/residents of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment are provided comprehensive health care services necessary to reach term or to interrupt pregnancy in accordance with applicable statutes, standards and regulations.
- B. It is the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to ensure that pregnant inmates/residents who enter the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment are provided appropriate and timely counseling in planning for the custody of their unborn children and to ensure, to the extent possible, through cooperation with the Department of Human Services and other agencies, that procedures for placement of the children are in the best interest of the child.

IV. EXPLANATION:

- A. Comprehensive counseling and assistance shall be provided to pregnant inmates/residents in keeping with their expressed desire in planning for their unborn children.
- B. Counseling and social services shall be available from ADC/DCP staff and/or through community-based agencies as facilitated by ADC/DCP staff.

V. PROCEDURE:

The Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment shall establish procedures for implementing these policies by appropriate Administrative Directives.

VI. STANDARDS:

American Correctional Association (ACA) Standards for Adult Correctional Facilities, 3rd Edition, 3-4387;
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Prison Standard #51, #55 and #58;
ACA Standards for Adult Community Residential Services, 3rd Edition, 3-ACRS-4E-23.

VII. REFERENCES:

AR (J) DOC AR 835 / DCP AR 7.14 – Grievance Procedures for Offenders
DOC AR 833 – Health Services

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