



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Infection Control – Management of Ectoparasites
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- I. **PURPOSE:** Provide recommended guidelines for detection, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of lice and scabies in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.

- II. **POLICY:** Through collaboration between the Department of Justice Services (DJS) and Corrections Medicine, parasite infestations will be promptly and properly identified, diagnosed, treated and limited in their spread.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All persons working in Corrections Medicine are responsible for the content of and adherence to this policy.

- IV. **PROCEDURES:**
 - 1. If a patient presents signs and symptoms of ectoparasites during the intake process, the Corrections Medicine nurse should accept the inmate into the facility and initiate the appropriate standing order for treatment. The intake nurse must communicate to the appropriate DJS staff the need for the patient to be isolation while waiting in the intake open seating room, as well as the need for the patient to immediately begin treatment.

 - 2. If at any time a patient is found to have signs and symptoms of infestation of Ectoparasites, the appropriate standing orders for treatment shall be initiated.

 - 3. If the patient is housed in general population and has a cellmate, the cellmate shall be treated prophylactically, per the standing order and protocol.

 - 4. Upon notification that a patient is being treated for Ectoparasites, DJS staff shall provide a set of new clothing and linens after treatment. Contaminated clothing and bed linens are placed in bags and laundered separately.

 - 5. Written information related to ectoparasites infestation shall be available and given to each affected person.

- V. **RESOURCES:**

Standard J-B-01; Jail Health Standards; National Commission on Correctional Health Care; 2018

Standard 4-ALDF-4C-14; Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities; 4th Ed; American Correctional Association; June 2004