DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy:	**500.121**
Title:	**Diabetic Lancet Control**
Effective Date:	**3/20/18**

PURPOSE: To enhance security, safety, and infection control standards for both staff and offenders when using diabetic lancets.

APPLICABILITY: All facilities

DEFINITIONS:
Lancets – instruments utilized by diabetics to pierce the skin and obtain a blood sample.

Sharps – any object that may penetrate or cut the skin and produce an opening or a puncture wound that may expose employees to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

PROCEDURES:
Diabetic lancets must be managed in a safe, secure manner using infection control practices per the following:

A. Health services provides only safety lancets (retractable needles) to offenders. Each facility determines the number of lancets to be issued that may be easily counted upon return. The number must not exceed 30 lancets.

B. Health services provides the offender with a plastic container with a biohazard label on the container to store used lancets.

C. Offenders must return all used lancets to health services. Health services accounts for all used lancets.

D. Health services disposes of used lancets in an appropriate sharps container.

E. This process must be audited monthly by the registered nurse supervisor/designee. The lancet control audit results must be retained in the supervisor's file.

INTERNAL CONTROLS:
A. The lancet control audit results are retained in the registered nurse supervisor's file.

ACA STANDARDS: 4-4196, 4-4421, 1-ABC-3A-21

REFERENCES:
Minn. Stat. §241.01
Policy 105.118, "Proper Management of Sharps and Sharp Containers"
Policy 105.170, "Bloodborne Pathogens"
Policy 301.040, "Tool Control"
Occupational Safety and Health Administration Bloodborne Pathogen Standard 1910.1030

REPLACES: Division Directive 500.121, "Diabetic Lancet Control," 7/19/16.

All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: Offender Instructions for Glucose Meter and Lancets (500.121A)

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