DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy:	**500.137**
Title:	**Offender Blood and Organ Donation**
Effective date:	**3/20/18**

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines regarding offender donation of blood or organs.

APPLICABILITY: All facilities

DEFINITIONS: None

PROCEDURES:

A. The department may allow offender donation of blood, bone marrow, or organs in the following circumstances:

1. The particular offender's blood, bone marrow, or organs may be vital in saving another person's life (such as in the case of a relative); or

2. The offender requests to bank the offender's own blood for a pending surgical procedure.

B. The offender must volunteer to donate the blood, bone marrow, or organ and must sign a Request for Blood or Organ Donation form (attached) absolving the department of any responsibility in the transaction.

C. The attending surgeon and/or organ transplant team requesting the blood, bone marrow, or organ donation must submit a written request to the case manager for the offender to be considered for a blood or organ donation, and indicate acceptance of all financial obligations incurred as a result of the donation including medical, security, transportation costs, and costs resulting from medical complications related to the donation.

D. After obtaining the kit from the medical organization, the facility health services unit may draw the blood or obtain the necessary lab specimen to send to the appropriate lab to determine if the offender is an appropriate organ donor match. Staff must document the blood draw in the medical record. The offender or the person requesting the donation is responsible for the cost of the lab work.

E. The director of health services, the department medical director, and the facility warden/superintendent must approve or deny the request for organ/bone marrow/blood donation after consultation with the assistant commissioner or deputy commissioner of facility services.

F. Once it is determined that the offender is an appropriate match and that the donation has been approved, the provider conducting the donation procedure must coordinate the medical placement process with the facility health services administrator.

G. Documentation related to an offender-requested blood, bone marrow, or organ donation must be retained in the offender's medical record, and any non-medically-specific information (e.g., the request form, payment agreements, and approvals of the request) must be retained in the offender's electronic file (ODocS).

INTERNAL CONTROLS:

A. Documentation of offender requested blood, bone marrow, or organ donation is maintained in the offender electronic file and medical record.

ACA STANDARDS: None

REFERENCES: Policy 500.010, "Health Services"
Policy 500.135, "Offender-Requested Private Health Care"

REPLACES: Policy 500.137, "Offender Blood and Organ Donation," 11/19/13.
All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: Request for Consideration of Blood or Organ Donation (500.137A)

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