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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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FROM: M. D. Smith, Assistant Director
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SUBJECT: Waiver to Health Services policy

This is national policy waiver request to Health Services policies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

6031.04 Patient care policy states:

15.) Initially examine all new arrivals from other institutions that have a CCC assignment, within 14 days of arrival, to establish a treatment plan and follow-up intervals appropriate for the inmate's medical needs.

19a.) Short-Term Examination. For individuals in predictably short-term custody (FDCs/MCCs/ MDCs/Jails), an initial screening physical examination to determine medical needs will be done within 14 days of admission on the appropriate physical examination form.

19b.) Long-Term Examination. For individuals in predictably long-term incarceration (sentenced/designated), an initial complete physical examination to determine medical needs will be done within 14 days of admission on the appropriate examination forms.

Response to requests for policy waiver:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and burden of the required medical response, the following requests for waiver are granted:

- 14 day intake physicals will be extended to 21 days, only for inmates who are not fully COVID-19 vaccinated.

- Required 14 day chronic care visits will be extended to 30 days, only for inmates who are not fully COVID-19 vaccinated.

National policy waiver is granted to extend time frame requirements as listed above.

This waiver is effective until December 31, 2021.

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