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PULHES SYSTEM OF OFFENDER MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CLASSIFICATION		

PURPOSE: To provide medical and mental health information to authorized users via a medical classification system, and enable systemic tracking of the medical and mental health status of Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) offenders.

POLICY: TDCJ is committed to a standardized classification process of medical and mental illnesses which facilitates the assignment of housing, work, and programs that are compatible with each offender's health status.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Following the health appraisal of offenders into TDCJ, the provider shall document diagnoses and limitations on the Report of Physical Examination (HSM-4) form. Based on the offender's medical and/or mental health condition the provider will assign diagnostic designators, codes for limitations and modifiers for indicating prognosis (see Attachment A). This is the PULHES system.
- II. The offender's diagnoses will be abstracted from the HSM-4, assigned the appropriate Medical Alert Code, and entered into the Medical Information Health Classification Entry screen of the Health Summary for Classification System (Reference: Health Summary for Classification User Manual.)
- III. Whenever a provider makes a medical/mental health decision about an offender's current health status and functional level he/she shall review the PULHES for accuracy. If indicated the current designators, codes, modifiers, and diagnostic justifications for each PULHES factor will be updated to reflect this change in status. An order that reflects review of the entire PULHES form is required with every change.
- IV. The Health Summary for Classification (see Health Services Policy and Procedure A-08.4) should be reviewed and checked for congruity with the offender's PULHES. Changes shall be entered into the Medical Information Health Classification Entry screen of the Health Summary for Classification System.

Reference: UTMB Developmental Disabilities Program Manual Policy DDP B-1, Determination of Developmental Disability
Health Summary for Classification User Manual