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<b>ADMISSION TO THE TDCJ MENTAL HEALTH THERAPEUTIC DIVERSION PROGRAM (MHTDP)</b>		

**PURPOSE:** To provide for the mental health needs of TDCJ mentally ill outpatient offenders assigned to restrictive housing identified as requiring such services with the goal of assisting them to achieve the optimal level of functioning in a therapeutic diversion setting.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Mental Health Therapeutic Diversion Program (MHTDP) is a cognitive-behavioral model that provides assessment, evaluation and treatment. Program participants are required to participate in group counseling, individual counseling and self-study programs. The program is structured to develop and promote coping strategies for successful integration into the least restrictive prison environment and upon release to the community.

**PROCEDURES:**

- A. Custody classification of offenders assigned to the MHTDP will be Mental Health (MH).
- B. Eligibility requirements:
  1. Offender must be male.
  2. TDCJ offender assigned to restrictive housing with any of the diagnoses as outlined in Attachment A.
  3. Must have at least one year left to serve on his sentence in order to complete the program.
  4. Offender residing in the MHTDP will be monitored in compliance with CMHC Policy “Health Evaluation and Documentation Offenders in Segregation” (E-39.1).
  5. Must be approved for housing at MHTDP by the TDCJ Classification and Records Office (CRO).
  6. Be able to independently perform all activities of daily living (e.g. ADLs, eating, grooming, hygiene, toileting and walking) without staff assistance and not require any skilled nursing care.
  7. This is a voluntary program.

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**REFERRAL PROCESS:**

- A. Offenders are identified for referral by:
  1. Unit Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)
  2. Regional Senior Mental Health Manager
  3. UTMB or Texas Tech Mental Health Director
  4. TDCJ Health Services Liaison (HSL)
  5. CID Director Review Board (DRB) may refer offenders to TDCJ HSL
- B. The completed Referral Form (Attachment B) and Consent for Treatment Form will be scanned into the Electronic Health Record (EHR) in the “MHTDPADMISSION” folder.
- C. A current Mental Health Evaluation (MHE) or clinical interview must be documented in the EHR.
- D. The referring facility QMHP will notify the program Senior Psychologist of the referral by sending an EHR email to the email group “MHTDPREFERRALS.”
- E. The program Senior Psychologist will determine whether the referred offender meets criteria for the program and submit the referral to TDCJ Classification and Records (CRO).
- F. CRO will determine whether the offender meets security requirements and is approved for reassignment in accordance with TDCJ classification policies.
- G. CRO will arrange transport to the MHTDP via chain.

Offenders assigned to MHTDP who require inpatient care may return to the MHTDP upon discharge from inpatient care. The following procedures will apply:

- A. Crisis Management: MHTDP bed will be held for an offender while in crisis management.
- B. Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization: The bed will be held until the MHTDP Treatment Team conducts a review to determine whether or not the offender is able to return.
- C. Medical inpatient (Infirmary/Hospitalization): The MHTDP bed will be held for the offender until the MHTDP Treatment Team conducts a review of the offender’s admission to a TDCJ infirmary and /or

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community hospital. If the Treatment Team determines that the offender is not expected to return to that bed, that offender will be referred to the Senior Psychologist for final disposition.

**DISCHARGE PROCESS:**

- A. Upon successful completion of the MHTDP, the program Senior Psychologist will notify the Chief of Unit Classification, in writing, of the offender’s status.
- B. The Chief of Unit Classification will schedule a State Classification Committee (SCC) review for consideration of placement in general population.
- C. An offender who does not complete the program and/or is discharged from the program for serious rule violation(s) may be referred to other mental health programs by MHTDP staff.

**REFERENCE:**

ACA Standard 4-4399 (Ref. 3-4369) Special Needs  
CMHC Policy G-51.1 Offenders with Special Needs  
CMHC Policy E 39.1 Health Evaluation and Documentation for Offenders in Segregation