

Dietary Services Department

MISSION STATEMENT

The Correctional Managed Health Care Therapeutic Dietary Policy and Procedure Manual is intended to supplement the UTMB-TDCJ Correctional Managed Health Care Services Division policy.

The mission of Dietary Services is to provide nutritional care plans by qualified healthcare providers who prescribed therapeutic diets to the patients (offenders) in the medical department of their facilities. The qualified healthcare staff will provide nutritional counseling and educational handouts to patients (offenders) who desire self-management in losing weight or gaining weight and controlling their cholesterol levels to a prescribed range as per the National Institute of Health Guidelines. The Chief Dietitian will provide nutritional materials to the healthcare staff for patient (offender) information.

The Chief Dietitian will coordinate with unit food service managers to assure the proper preparation and serving of therapeutic diets to patients (offenders) as ordered by qualified healthcare providers.

In addition, the Chief Dietitian will ensure compliance with ACA and NCCHC guidelines and applicable laws and court mandates.