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4.22.1A INDIVIDUAL HUNGER STRIKE POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

Inmates who are participating in a hunger strike shall be provided health care (including assessment, monitoring, and treatment) regardless of the reason for their strike.

II. PURPOSE

To delineate the roles of health care and custody staff during a hunger strike to ensure the provision of needed health care.

III. DEFINITIONS

Hunger Strike Participant: An inmate who is identified by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) custody staff as being on a hunger strike.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy.

V. CUSTODY RESPONSE TO A HUNGER STRIKE

A. Custody staff shall provide institutional health care executives information regarding hunger strike participants, as they are identified, including but not limited to:

- Names.
- CDCR numbers.
- Dates and times of all State-issued meals refused.
- Current housing.

B. Information concerning hunger strike participants shall be discussed during the institution's daily executive briefing. The CEO or a medical representative shall be present at the briefing to receive the information.

C. Custody staff shall ensure that all hunger strike participants have access to water at all times and are offered State-issued food daily as scheduled. Custody staff may adjust the State-issued meal or meal portions offered to participants if advised to do so by medical staff.

VI. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3353, Capacity for Informed Consent
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 72527, Skilled Nursing Facility, Patients' Rights
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 72528, Skilled Nursing Facility, Informed Consent Requirements
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 79799, Correctional Treatment Center, Inmate-Patients' Rights

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- California Probate Code Sections 3200-3212
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapters 20.1 and 20.2, Outpatient Dietary Intervention Policy and Procedure
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Hunger Strike, Fasting, and Refeeding Care Guide, July 2013