



CHAPTER 153A
ARTICLE 10 - LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CONFINEMENT FACILITIES

N.C.G.S. § 153A-225.

Medical care of prisoners.

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§ 153A-225(a) Each unit that operates a local confinement facility shall develop a plan for providing medical care for prisoners in the facility. The plan:

- (1) Shall be designed to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners and to avoid the spread of contagious disease;
- (2) Shall provide for medical supervision of prisoners and emergency medical care for prisoners to the extent necessary for their health and welfare;
- (3) Shall provide for the detection, examination and treatment of prisoners who are infected with tuberculosis or venereal diseases; and
- (4) May utilize Medicaid coverage for inpatient hospitalization or for any other Medicaid services allowable for eligible prisoners, provided that the plan includes a reimbursement process which pays to the State the State portion of the costs, including the costs of the services provided and any administrative costs directly related to the services to be reimbursed, to the State's Medicaid program.

The unit shall develop the plan in consultation with appropriate local officials and organizations, including the sheriff, the county physician, the local or district health director, and the local medical society. The plan must be approved by the local or district health director after consultation with the area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse authority, if it is adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners. Upon a determination that the plan is adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners, the plan must be adopted by the governing body.

As a part of its plan, each unit may establish fees of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) per incident for the provision of nonemergency medical care to prisoners and a fee of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for a 30-day supply or less of a prescription drug. In establishing fees pursuant to this section, each unit shall establish a procedure for waiving fees for indigent prisoners.

§ 153A-225(b)

If a prisoner in the custody of a local confinement facility dies, the medical examiner and the coroner shall be notified immediately, regardless of the physical location of the prisoner at the time of death. Within five days after the day of the death, the administrator of the facility shall make a written report to the local or district health director and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The report shall be made on forms developed and distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

§ 153A-225(b1)

Whenever a local confinement facility transfers a prisoner from that facility to another local confinement facility, the transferring facility shall provide the receiving facility with any health information or medical records the transferring facility has in its possession pertaining to the transferred prisoner.

§ 153A-225(c)

If a person violates any provision of this section (including the requirements regarding G.S. 130-97 and 130-121), he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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APPARATUS I
17 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1967	c. 581, s. 2	ENACTED
02	1973	c. 476, ss. 128, 138	AMENDED
03	1973	c. 822, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1973	c. 1140, s. 3	AMENDED
05	1989	c. 727, s. 204	AMENDED

06	1991	c. 237, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1993	c. 539, s. 1062	AMENDED
08	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
09	1995	c. 385, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1997	S.L. 1997-443, s. 11A.112	AMENDED
11	2003	S.L. 2003-392, s. 1	AMENDED
12	2004	S.L. 2004-199, s. 46(a)	AMENDED
13	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 31.26(f)	AMENDED
14	2011	S.L. 2011-192, s. 7(n)	AMENDED
15	2013	S.L. 2013-387, s. 2	AMENDED
16	2013	S.L. 2013-389, s. 1	AMENDED
17	2018	S.L. 2018-76, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 130-97	(c)	<i>"this section (including the requirements regarding"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-225 (2018).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-225(a) (2018).

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