# State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Regulatory Action:** 

Title 15, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

3999.26

Amend sections: Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF FILING AND PRINTING ONLY

Government Code Section 11343.8

OAL Matter Number: 2019-0305-03

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This action by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation adopts section 3999.26 as a pilot program for non-clinical activity tracking. This filing is exempt from chapter 3.5 of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the Government Code pursuant to Penal Code section 5058.1 and is not subject to review by the Office of Administrative Law. This action is effective on filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Penal Code section 5058.1 and remains in effect for two years.

OAL filed this regulation(s) or order(s) of repeal with the Secretary of State, and will publish the regulation(s) or order(s) of repeal in the California Code of Regulations.

Date:

April 9, 2019

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### Adopt Revisions to Section 3999.26 Non-Clinical Activity Tracking – Pilot Program

State of California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

# Memorandum

Date: April 9, 2019

To: Associate Directors, Division of Adult Institutions

Wardens

**INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM** 

Subject: NON-CLINICAL ACTIVITY TRACKING PILOT PROGRAM

## **PURPOSE**

This memorandum announces the implementation of the Non-Clinical Activity Tracking (NCAT) pilot program under the authority of Penal Code Section 5058.1. This program is being implemented to test the effectiveness of real-time tracking of non-clinical activities and services provided to patients admitted to Psychiatric Inpatient Programs (PIP) Acute and Intermediate Care Facilities such as cell searches, cell inspections, showers, supplies issued, linen exchange, clothing exchange, administrative contacts, visits, law library, meals, trash disposal, dayroom and time in/out to yard. The pilot program is intended to assess whether an electronic mobile tracking system will improve daily operations by reducing time and labor while increasing efficiency and accountability as well as improving data collection.

# PILOT PROGRAM LOCATION AND DURATION

The NCAT pilot program will be implemented at San Quentin State Prison (SQ).

The NCAT pilot program will be in effect for 24 months, beginning April 9, 2019, and will expire by operation of law on April 9, 2021 unless it is promulgated through the Administrative Procedure Act prior to expiration.

### PILOT PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Non-clinical leisure activities tracked in NCAT do not have a lesson plan, specific objectives or treatment outcomes, are not based on the clinical treatment plan, and are not documented in the Electronic Health Records System. During these activities the patients may be free to structure their time independently (e.g., yard time) or staff may provide loose structure (e.g., games).

During the NCAT pilot program the PIP at SQ shall utilize NCAT to electronically document all activities and services provided to their maximum custody patients. NCAT data may be used to inform treatment planning for patients who do not regularly attend available activities.

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A PIP supervisor shall be designated, based on local operating procedure, to assign unit staff to facilitate the non-clinical leisure activities as listed on the unit schedule.

Activity facilitators, including but not limited to custody officers, nursing staff, and Mental Health staff shall be the primary users of NCAT and shall ensure data regarding non-clinical leisure activities is entered into NCAT for tracking purposes. The facilitator of the activity shall generally be the individual who enters the data into NCAT.

The facilitator logs the tracking information into an enhanced electronic document which lists the various non-clinical activities. Upon completion of the log, the information is automatically uploaded to a database and reports are automatically generated. This new process will eliminate the need to reconcile and track the daily, weekly, and monthly physical forms, as well as the space and material to store the forms.

In the event NCAT is unavailable due to technical issues, staff shall use the NCAT downtime worksheet to track out-of-cell activity. Staff shall enter the information logged on the downtime worksheet within 14 calendar days of NCAT becoming available for use.

#### **RESEARCH AND EVALUATION**

Once the NCAT pilot program is implemented, CDCR shall evaluate and assess its effectiveness in recording activities and services provided to patients assigned to SQ's PIP through reports derived from NCAT. Results shall be summarized in a final report at the end of the NCAT pilot program.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this memorandum, please contact Dawn Lorey, Associate Warden, Mental Health Compliance Team, Division of Adult Institutions at (916) 323-2450 or at <a href="mailto:Dawn.Lorey@cdcr.ca.gov">Dawn.Lorey@cdcr.ca.gov</a>.

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