

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS

POLICY

Psychotropic medications shall not be administered to an inmate after seventy-two (72) hours unless the inmate has given his/her informed consent or is to be transferred to another facility within eight (8) hours.

DEFINITION:

PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS: For the purpose of this policy the term will include Lithium, Anti-Depressants, and the various Anti-Psychotic medications.

Involuntary medications are not administered at the Marin County Jail.

PROCEDURE

Psychotropic medication is any medication prescribed for the treatment of symptoms of psychoses and other mental and emotional disorders. The medication shall be prescribed by a physician following a clinical evaluation.

Psychotropic medication shall not be administered to an inmate unless the inmate has given his or her informed consent in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5326.2, or has been found to lack the capacity to give informed consent consistent with the county's hearing procedures under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act for handling capacity determinations and subsequent reviews

There shall be a policy which limits the length of time both voluntary psychotropic medications may be administered and a plan of monitoring and re-evaluating all inmates receiving psychotropic medications.

Inmates receiving psychotropic medications in the jail will be given to read and sign an Informed Consent for Psychiatric Medication Form. The inmate will be given information about the possible side-effects, possible alternative treatments, and the possible outcome of taking versus not taking the prescribed medications. The consent form should be given to the inmate within 72 hours of his or her first dose of medication. The inmate will sign the consent form and may keep a copy for his/her information.

If the inmate agrees to take the medication, but refuses to sign the form, it should be noted, witnessed and the medication administered until the inmate later either agrees to sign the form or refuses to take the medication. A Crisis Specialist or Nurse may sign the form as a witness with the prescribing Psychiatrist also signing in the appropriate place. The signed and dated form will be placed with the inmate's mental health records.

Psychotropic medication shall not be administered for disciplinary reasons. Only inmates with documented psychiatric needs will be given psychotropic medication.

RELATED STANDARDS:

Title 15, Article 10, Section 1217

Note: Authority cited: Sections 6024 and 6030, Penal Code. Reference: Section 6030, Penal Code.
5326.2 Welfare and Institutions Code

DATE REVISED

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By order of:

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BUREAU COMMANDER