

# Health Services + Incarcerated Patient Intake Overview



The timeline below provides the flow of health services delivered to an incarcerated patient after being booked into one of Vermont Department of Corrections' (VT DOC) six in-state facilities. Comprehensive health services are provided by contracted healthcare staff (currently Wellpath). Health services are provided to all individuals housed in VT's correctional facilities, regardless of the individual's legal status, from intake through release.



## Facility Admission

Individual is booked by security staff



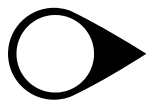
## Initial Receiving Screening

Within 4 hours of booking



## Initial Health Assessment

Within 7 days of booking



## Additional Mental Health & Substance Use Assessment

Within 7 days of booking and as determined appropriate by screening & assessment



## Dental Examination

Within 30 days of admission

Although ordered chronologically, some of these processes may (and often do) occur simultaneously. Patients' participation in these services is voluntary and critical to providing care. The unpredictability of a detainee's release date impacts the ability to plan for release.

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The comprehensive health services listed below are an integrated, holistic system of care based on NCCHC, state, and contract requirements.

## **Initial Receiving Screening (W/IN 4 HRS)**

Includes review of previous health records/recent hospitalizations, status of community insurance, authorization for treatment & community records, initiation of medication verifications for community prescriptions, review & provision of ADA accommodations; and screening for: ongoing community-based care, dental health, urine drug test, chronic conditions, mental health conditions, substance use disorder/detox considerations, traumatic brain injury, dementia/neurologic disorders, suicidality/self-harm, communicable diseases.

## **Initial Health Assessment (W/IN 7 DAYS)**

Includes physical exam, review of Initial Receiving Screening results and health history, tobacco use screening, opportunity for HIV & HCV screening/testing, and review of past records (including community).

## **Additional Mental Health & Substance Use Assessment**

**(ASSESSMENT: W/IN 7 DAYS; EVALUATION FOR POS SCREENS: W/IN 30 DAYS)**

Results of the urine drug screening and a screening for intellectual functioning occurs within 7 days of booking. If results from any previous screening indicate the need for further assessment, evaluation occurs within 30 days and includes compliance indicators of NCCHC P-E-05, Structured Clinical Interview DSM-5 (SCID 5) evaluation, Personality Inventory for DSM-5 (PID-5-BF) evaluation, Corrections Modified Global Assessment of Functioning (CM-GAF) to determine Serious Functional Impairment (SFI) designation.

## **Dental Examination (W/IN 30 DAYS)**

In addition to the dental health screening that occurs in the Initial Receiving Screening, the dentist performs an oral examination and provides treatment plans, instruction in oral hygiene, and preventative oral education.