



**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CLINICAL SERVICES**

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- 1.0 POLICY:** It shall be the policy of the Division to protect clients and staff from infection by the AIDS virus by testing clients who may be at risk for infection on admission to a Division inpatient facility.
- 2.0 PURPOSE**
- 3.0 SCOPE**
- 4.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 5.0 PROCEDURE:**
- 5.1 The Division will test, using standard medical tests, any newly admitted inpatient who has a reported history of homosexual activity or intravenous drug use or who received a blood transfusion between January 1978 and July 1985, or those deemed a high risk by medical authority, or those who indicate they have AIDS or have been exposed to the AIDS virus.
 - 5.2 Inpatients who refuse to be tested or who test positive will be treated according to the agency's infection control procedures as if they are infected.
 - 5.3 Inpatients who test positive or have an AIDS diagnosis shall be counselled regarding their condition. The counselling shall include both health and safety issues for themselves and those they may come in contact with and emotional support.
 - 5.4 Test results shall be treated as confidential information. Test results will be made available to the extent necessary to ensure adequate treatment of the client and to protect the health and safety of others. Unwarranted violations by staff of the client's right to privacy in this regard may result in disciplinary action.
 - 5.5 Direct care staff of inpatient units may voluntarily choose to be tested for infection by the AIDS virus at Division expense.
 - 5.6 Current clients deemed to be at risk for infection by the AIDS virus shall be tested. Those who refuse to be tested will be treated according to the agency's infection control procedures as if they are infected.



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5 Implementation of Policy

Each Division agency within the scope of this policy shall implement this policy and may develop specific written procedures as necessary to do so effectively.

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7.0 REFERENCES

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