

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION  
**FROM:** CHARLES L. RYAN, DIRECTOR  
**DATE:** January 13, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Director's Instruction # 324, Medical Care Directives

This Director's Instruction is effective immediately and will remain in effect until incorporated into Department Order #1101, Inmate Access to Health Care. This Director's Instruction supersedes the related sub-sections in DO 1101, Section 1101.08, Extraordinary Life Support Measures.

**PURPOSE:**

This Director's Instruction is being implemented in order to define applicable circumstances under which any "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) orders may be honored by medical staff for inmates incarcerated in specific ADC housing units.

**PROCEDURE:**

**1101.08 EXTRAORDINARY LIFE SUPPORT MEASURES**

- 1.3 All medical and correctional staff in areas other than designated Inpatient Component (IPC) / infirmary units are obligated to engage life-saving measures for any inmate in physical distress regardless of the cause. An inmate's Pre-Hospital Care Directive or "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) request does NOT apply to security staff. A DNR is for use only by outside health care providers, hospitals and/or hospice facilities, or for use by MEDICAL STAFF ONLY in one of the designated ADC infirmary units.
  - 1.3.1 Inmate patients' DNR requests will be honored only in the IPC units, and Inmate patients' DNR requests will be honored only by contracted ADC medical staff.
  - 1.3.2 Correctional staff shall engage in life-saving measures for any inmate in physical distress unless and until directed otherwise by contracted ADC medical staff.
- 1.4 When Emergency Medical Staff (EMT/Paramedic) arrive the inmate shall be transported to the appropriate community emergency hospital.
- 1.5 As private prisons currently under contract with ADC do not maintain IPC's, DNR's shall not be honored in ADC private prisons.
- 1.6 DNR orders must be written by a Medical Provider employed by the state's contracted medical vendor in consultation with the inmate.
  - 1.6.1 Any DNR order written by a hospital, hospice, or other Medical Provider not directly employed by the ADC medical vendor shall not be honored under the provisions of section 1101.08; 1.3 of this policy.

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