DATE:	July 15, 2020
NUMBER:	M.39.G
SUBJECT:	DISABLED INMATES

## PROCEDURE:

## I. MOVEMENT

- A. Inmates who possess a walking or traveling assisted medical appliance, will be escorted by sworn staff; and any doorways will be opened for them.
- B. Inmates who specifically use a wheelchair to move about and are scheduled for court or transportation, will be escorted from their housing unit and taken to the transportation vehicle without being placed into a processing holding cell, absent any exigent circumstances.

## II. PROGRAMS

All inmates that are in specialized housing units in order to comply with medical needs, sheriff's policy, state or federal law, will have access to normal programs and counseling.

## III. REVIEW

At the beginning of each shift, the house control deputy will check the lower bunk / lower tier reports on JIMS Web through the Jail Information Management System (JIMS). It will be the responsibility of the house control deputy and/or floor deputies to review the inmates with active medical instructions report. If an inmate approaches a deputy about a special need, it can be verified in the "Details" tab of the Operations Status Board in JIMS. If no Medical Instructions are found, the inmate must submit a medical sick call request to either re-instate the condition or have a medical evaluation conducted. Special medical conditions will be entered in JIMS as soon as possible by the medical staff.

Inmates with special medical conditions returning to custody must submit a medical sick call request to re-instate their condition and have a medical evaluation completed.

The house control deputy will be responsible for notifying the floor deputies of the special condition requirement. If an inmate on the lower bunk / lower tier reports does not wish to move to a lower bunk or lower tier, the inmate will sign a J-223 Refusal to Accept Medical Care/Treatment form. The inmates name will be provided to GBDF Medical Staff to be scheduled to have his name removed from the lower bunk / lower tier reports. A Medical Doctor or Physician's Assistant can remove the lower bunk / lower tier order after a medical evaluation.

In the event the number of inmates requiring lower bunk / lower tier placement is greater than actual beds available, the GBDF Jail Population Management Unit (JPMU) deputy will be notified.