

Sixth District Department of Correctional Services POLICY	Issue Date 12/01/99	Effective Date 12/10/09	Policy Number 908-09
Subject <b>HORMONAL INTERVENTION THERAPY</b>		Review Month September	Author 0115
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**POLICY:**

Staff comply with Iowa Code Section 903B and Iowa Administrative Code 201-38.4 by ensuring that appropriate referral and compliance when prescribed for hormonal intervention therapy is provided for designated sex offenders whose offense occurred after June 30, 1998. Hormone intervention provides offenders with controlled levels of medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) or other approved pharmaceutical agent treatment as a condition of release by the Court or the Board of Parole.

**DEFINITION:**

1. Agency of Jurisdiction - The agency responsible for offender supervision.
2. Serious Sex Offense - For purposes of hormonal intervention therapy, this includes the following offenses in which the victim was a child who, at the time the offense was committed was twelve (12) years of age or younger. Offenses included are:
  - A. Sexual abuse in the first degree, in violation of section 709.2
  - B. Sexual abuse in the second degree, in violation of section 709.3
  - C. Sexual abuse in the third degree, in violation of section 709.4
  - D. Lascivious acts with a child, in violation of section 709.8
  - E. Assault with intent, in violation of section 709.11
  - F. Indecent contact with a minor, in violation of section 709.12
  - G. Lascivious conduct with a minor, in violation of section 709.14
  - H. Sexual exploitation by a counselor in violation of section 709.15
  - I. Sexual exploitation of a minor, in violation of section 728.12, subsections 1 & 2.
3. Hormonal Intervention Therapy Administration of controlled levels of medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) or other approved pharmaceutical agents for the management of paraphilia/sexual deviance in designated sex offenders.

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**DEFINITION:** (continued)

4. Affected Offenders - All offenders who have been convicted of a serious sex offense **and** who are ordered by the Court or Board of Parole to participate in Hormonal Intervention Therapy as a condition of community supervision.
  - A. Court "may" require hormone intervention for the first conviction.
  - B. Court must mandate treatment intervention for a second or subsequent conviction, unless a determination is made that the treatment would not be effective.
  - C. Under section 21.3 of SF 2398, the Court may include a special sentence for felony sex offenders that require custody/supervision for the rest of the offender's life. The special sentence shall also include hormonal intervention therapy.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Initiation of hormonal intervention therapy shall be done in conjunction with medical staff that the department has contracted with for these purposes (908B).
2. Upon determination that hormonal intervention therapy is appropriate for an offender, staff will also establish appropriate monitoring standards and participation in an education/treatment group to complete a comprehensive supervision plan.
3. If the offender is confined in a county jail or residential facility, staff shall coordinate initiation of treatment with appropriate facility staff at least sixty- (60) days prior to the offender's release from confinement.
4. The sex offender program supervisor shall approve requests for hormonal therapy by sex offenders who do not meet the aforementioned criteria.
5. At any time during the course of supervision, staff may conduct a reassessment to determine if hormonal therapy should be considered or reconsidered as part of the treatment plan.
6. In conjunction with the physician that prescribed MPA, or other appropriate medication as part of a treatment plan, staff will monitor and make recommendations throughout the offender's confinement and/or supervision relative to modification/termination of continuing hormonal therapy (908A) (908E).
7. Maintaining hormonal therapy is a mandatory condition of release and cannot be terminated without written documentation by the contract physician that side effects and adverse reactions are unmanageable and continuation of the drug will endanger the offender's health. Termination without medical authorization is grounds for revocation.

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**PROCEDURE:** (continued)

8. If a person is placed on probation and is not in confinement at the time of sentencing, the presentence investigation shall include a plan for initiation of treatment as soon as is reasonably possible after the person is sentenced. If the person is in confinement prior to release on probation or parole, treatment shall commence prior to the release of the person from confinement. Conviction of a serious sex offense shall constitute exceptional circumstances warranting a presentence investigation under section 901.2.
9. Hormonal intervention therapy is an intervention to be use in conjunction with a sex offender educational/treatment program (SOTP). These medications are not to be used as a sole method of treatment. Hormonal treatment should be coupled with appropriate monitoring and counseling within a comprehensive treatment plan. To improve effectiveness, the offender must participate in cognitive behavioral treatment designed to address other aspects of the deviant behavior in addition to sexual interests.
10. All institutional or community based correction SOTP programs shall meet Iowa Board for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (IBTSA) Standards by July 1, 1999.
11. Hormonal medication shall be maintained in the appropriate residential facility under the authorization of medical staff and accessed only by authorized personnel.
12. All medications shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with section 657-8.14(155A) of the Iowa Administrative Code.
13. Pharmaceutical services may be provided by the Department of Corrections pharmacy identified below:

Department of Corrections Pharmacy  
Iowa Medical and Classification Center  
Box A  
Oakdale, IA 52319  
Phone: 319-626-4423  
FAX: 319-626-4498

Contracting with qualified staff to administer and provide clinical supervision for hormonal therapy will occur (908B) (908C).

14. Offenders shall be required to pay a reasonable fee for their hormonal therapy. Offender fees shall be based on either a sliding scale or an alternative system that would accommodate inability to pay, or postpone payment to a later date when an offender moves to a system level enabling the offender to pay.

BY ORDER OF:

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