

# HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Public Safety  
Prisons

SECTION: Continuity of Patient Care

POLICY # CC-4

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SUBJECT: Pregnant Offenders

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## PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the care and management of pregnant offenders.

## POLICY

All offenders with confirmed pregnancy shall be housed at North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women (NCCIW). Comprehensive counseling and medical care are given to pregnant offenders in keeping with their expressed desires in planning for their unborn children. Pregnant offenders will be referred to the Social Worker for assistance with planning.

## PRENATAL CARE

### A. Pregnant offenders

Offenders remaining in prison after pregnancy has been diagnosed will receive regular pre-natal care, to include

1. medical examinations
2. advice on appropriate levels of activity
3. safety precautions
4. nutrition guidance
5. counseling.



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