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CHANGE #1  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 615

## PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS

PURPOSE: To change the Office of Primary Responsibility, to update definitions to reflect current practices, and to update forms.

CHANGES TO BE MADE:

**Reference:**

AR 615, *Psychiatric Evaluations*, dated March 30, 2006.

**Action Required:**

OPR:

Delete Treatment and replace with Health Services

II. *Policy, C, 4*

Delete this sentence:

Complete and document a comprehensive evaluation to include a DSM IV diagnosis.

Replace with this sentence:

Complete and document a comprehensive evaluation to include a DSM-5 diagnosis.

III. *Definitions(s) and Acronym(s)*

Delete the term:

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual – IV (DSM IV)

Replace with the term:

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual – (DSM-5)

Delete the terms: DSM IV Axes  
OBSCIS

IV, *Responsibilities, B, 1*

Delete this sentence:

Completion and documentation of a comprehensive evaluation of referred inmates, to include a DSM IV diagnosis.

Replace with this sentence:

Completion and documentation of a comprehensive evaluation of referred inmates, to include a DSM-5 diagnosis.

V. *Procedures, D*

Delete this sentence:

Psychiatric evaluations will include a DSM IV diagnostic impression on five (5) axes and will provide initial treatment recommendations.

Replace with this sentence:

Psychiatric evaluations will include a DSM-5 diagnostic impression and will provide initial treatment recommendations.

V. *Procedures, F, 2*

Delete this statement:

ADOC Form MH-013, *Mental Health Code Input*, will be submitted to the staff responsible for data input into the OBSCIS database, refer to AR 613, *Mental Health Coding and Tracking of Inmates*.

Replace with this statement:

ADOC Form MH-013, *Mental Health Code Input*, will be submitted to the staff responsible for data input into the database, refer to AR 613, *Mental Health Coding and Tracking of Inmates*.

IX. *Performance, B*

Delete this sentence:

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care: *Standards for Health Services in Prisons*, 2003 (P-E-09).

Replace with this sentence:

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care: *Standards for Health Services in Prisons*, 2014.

File this numbered change at the back of the regulation after annotating both the index and the regulation to indicate changes have been completed.

Advise all personnel in your organization of the change to this regulation.



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