

Memorandum

Date : October 29, 2015

To : Associate Directors, Division of Adult Institutions
Wardens
Community Resources Managers

Subject: **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE FOR REENTRY VETERANS PROGRAM**


This memorandum supersedes the memorandum titled "Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Reentry Veterans Program," dated November 5, 2014.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has partnered with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assist in providing the VA's Health Care for Reentry Veterans Program (HCRV). The HCRV Program is designed to address the community reentry needs of incarcerated veterans who are at risk for homelessness, substance abuse, mental and chronic illness, and infectious disease upon release. To facilitate this program, a VA Reentry Specialist from HCRV travels to each institution several times each year to meet with veterans six months before their release.

George B. Kennedy, VA Reentry Specialist, will be accessing institutions throughout CDCR as part of the HCRV Program. Mr. Kennedy has statewide approval and a CDCR issued Statewide Volunteer Identification Card (VIC) to expedite access and reduce workload on institution staff. The aforementioned volunteer should be placed on each institution's 12-month Gate Clearance list. In addition to the VIC, Mr. Kennedy shall provide a valid California Identification Card or valid California Driver's License, and a valid VA Identification Card.

Institutions will provide a copy of this memorandum at the ingress/egress locations, and ensure the entrance staff are fully aware of the approval of the VA Reentry Specialist volunteer to enter CDCR institutions.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Soria, Staff Services Manager I, Office of Policy Standardization, at (916) 324-5487 or via email at jane.soria@cdcr.ca.gov.


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