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## **New Jersey Department of Corrections Response to Office of Corrections Ombudsperson Mid-State Correctional Facility Inspection Report May 8, 2026**

The Department is in receipt of your inspection report concerning the medical clinic at Mid-State Correctional Facility and are pleased that your office has found the clinic “demonstrated strong adherence to core requirements across all inspection criteria.” We also acknowledge the recommendations and comments contained in the report. This document is submitted in response to the specific recommendations, and does not include a response to other points raised in the report that are noted to have been resolved upon reinspection.

**Incarcerated Person food worker medical clearance logbook.** As you are likely aware, the MSCF Administrative staff currently engages in existing weekly sanitation audits (which include, for example, monitoring food temperatures in the food service area) and will include the food service medical clearance logbooks in said audit. UCHC assistance, and or re-fresher training will be provided as needed, as is commonplace.

**Medical Records.** HCU and UCHC acknowledge that medical charts should store inactive records in accordance with policy or divide active charts into two clearly labeled parts that separate active and inactive records, and will continue to review the same.

**Medication Administration.** As you are likely aware, a system exists for downtime processes. If you need further information on how medical proceeds during a power outage or computer downtime, kindly advise Assistant Commissioner Daniels and we will arrange for you to meet with medical personnel regarding the same.

**Controlled Substance and Medical Sharps Handling and Management.** The recommendation that policies and procedures governing sharps and controlled substance counts be reviewed and DOC supervisory oversight be implemented has been referred to the Division of Operations for review. DOC will update you should there be any changes to policy and/or procedure. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Commissioner Daniels.

**Infection Control.** We are pleased that the inspection revealed proper use of personal protective equipment, staff understanding of procedures that align with established standard and regulations, and adherence to hand hygiene protocols by staff. With regard to your recommendations concerning the biohazard and cleaning supply closet, please be advised:

- The stated closet shall be dedicated and restricted to exclusively biohazard and cleaning supply items.
- Cleaning products are clearly labeled with the manufacturer's informational label, which includes comprehensive safety, handling and hazard information. Should a person be exposed in a way that threatens health or safety, these labels provide critical information for response. For these reasons, Department deems the current labels to be satisfactory. The Department will conduct an audit within the next few weeks of labeling. If any changes are made to labeling, the NJDOC Legal Division will advise your office of the same.
- Staff receive training on biohazards, and the Division of Operations will review whether any additional staff training on proper storage protocols is necessary.
- Mid-State Correctional Facility Administration will include monitoring of proper storage protocols during routine tours.