A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities.

While reviewing inmate restraint observation logs, it was determined that jail exceeded the 15 minute observations from 1 minute up to 4 minutes on a consistent basis.

Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.

While reviewing 30 minute face-to-face observations, it was determined that jail staff exceeded observations from 1 minute up to 17 minutes on a consistent basis. Technical assistance was provided on this same issue during the FY 2019 annual inspection.

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