Provide procedures for the distribution of prescriptions in accordance with written instructions from a physician by an appropriate person designated by the sheriff/operator;

Review of Medication Administration Records failed to show that medications are distributed in accordance with written instructions from a physician.

All medical instructions of designated physicians shall be followed.

During the review of inmate medical records, it was determined that medication for an inmate was stopped after 7 days, when the medication was prescribed for 10 days by a physician.

Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure. 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.

Restraint chair logs indicated staff exceeded the required 15 minute observation checks by 1 to 22 minutes on multiple occasions.

Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes.

There was no documented face-to-face observation of inmates housed on the 4th floor of the main jail facility on the day of inspection and there was no documentation of face-to-face observations for the period of November 1, 2020 to December 15, 2020.

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