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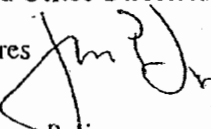
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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Directors
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FROM: John P. Torres 
Director

SUBJECT: Medical Escort Policy

The attached memorandum titled *Medical Escort Policy* was issued on June 15, 2007, from the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) to the Office of Detention and Removal Operations (DRO). This memorandum is protected by attorney-client privilege and should not be disseminated outside the agency.

In sum, the Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS) will continue to provide medical care for ICE detainees during the removal process for pre-existing medical conditions. See 8 U.S.C. § 1231(f). DIHS will also continue provide emergency medical treatment to a detainee who presents a risk to himself or others. DIHS will no longer provide medical treatment to a detainee solely for the purposes of restraint, unless a medical professional determines that they present a danger to themselves or to others.

If a detainee is likely to present a safety concern to DRO personnel during the removal process, the Field Office should work with their Chief Counsel Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office to obtain a court order to authorize involuntary medical treatment to facilitate the removal process. DIHS must have a court order to assist DRO's removal of problematic detainees.

Please address questions to your local Chief Counsel Office.

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