I. POLICY
The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) Statewide Patient Safety Committee and Systemwide Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee shall maintain a list of Heat Alert Medications, disseminate the Heat Alert Medication List to all health care staff, and review and update the Heat Alert Medication List at least annually.

II. PURPOSE
To ensure the safe and effective use of Heat Alert Medications and the communication and dissemination of the Heat Alert Medication List to all health care staff.

III. DEFINITIONS
Heat Alert Medications: Medications that can pose serious risk to a patient’s health during times of extreme heat by impairing the body’s ability to regulate temperature.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES
A. Statewide
The Systemwide P&T Committee Chairperson, in coordination with the Statewide Patient Safety Committee, shall ensure a Heat Alert Medication List is maintained, and that appropriate tools, training, and technical assistance are available to all staff to support clinically appropriate use of the list.

B. Regional
Regional Health Care Executives are responsible for implementation of this policy at the subset of institutions within an assigned region and shall ensure that the Heat Alert Medications policy and other relevant decision support tools are disseminated and accessible to all health care staff.

C. Institutional
The Chief Executive Officer and Warden are responsible for implementation of this policy at the institution level. Program Leads shall ensure that the institution uses existing forums such as local quality committees to disseminate the Heat Alert Medications policy, procedure, and other relevant decision support tools to all institution staff.
V. REFERENCES

- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Subtitle A, Subchapter C, Part 160, Subpart A, Section 160.103, Definitions
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Subtitle A, Subchapter C, Part 164, Subpart E, Section 164.50, Definitions; Section 164.502, Uses and disclosures of protected health information: General Rules; Section 164.506, Uses and Disclosures to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 3, Chapter 7.2, Health Care Incident Reporting Policy