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Wayne Brown Correctional Facility Awarded National Accreditation for Quality Health Care Services



Nevada City, CA – Wayne Brown Correctional Facility has earned accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC’s nationally recognized standards of care for correctional health services in jails. The accreditation recognizes Wayne Brown Correctional Facility’s commitment to providing quality health services for the incarcerated population.

To earn NCCHC accreditation, staff of Wayne Brown Correctional Facility have been voluntarily working toward this goal the last three years with the facility undergoing a rigorous professional assessment in March 2024. During the assessment, a team of experienced physicians and experts in correctional health care surveyed the facility for compliance with jail-specific standards in several areas, such as patient care and treatment, health promotion, safety and disease prevention, governance and administration, personnel and training, special needs and services, and medical-legal issues.

"We have a constitutional obligation to provide health care to incarcerated persons in our jail, and we are committed to doing so with innovation, excellence, and efficiency," said Sheriff Shannan Moon. "Earning this accreditation was no small task and stands as a testament to our team’s hard work and commitment to the community we serve."

Accreditation signals a constitutionally acceptable level of care for a facility’s incarcerated population, which translates into better health, fewer health-related grievances and lawsuits, and reduced health risk to the wider community when released.

For 45 years, NCCHC’s highly respected [standards](#) have provided guidance to help correctional health professionals and administrators improve the health of their incarcerated populations and the communities to which they return, increase efficiency of health services delivery, strengthen organizational effectiveness, and reduce the risk of adverse legal judgments. The consensus-based standards are developed in consultation with national experts in correctional health care, mental health, law, and corrections.

"In achieving NCCHC accreditation, Wayne Brown Correctional Facility has demonstrated its commitment to quality, standards-based correctional health care," said Deborah Ross, CCHP, NCCHC chief executive officer. "Accreditation is a voluntary process, and we commend Wayne Brown Correctional Facility for successfully undertaking this challenge. The health of incarcerated people is a vitally important component of public health."

Wayne Brown Correctional Facility’s accreditation is valid for 36 months. In March 2027, staff of Wayne Brown Correctional Facility will take the necessary steps for reaccreditation, signifying their ongoing commitment to excellence in health care for incarcerated persons.

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