

Detainees within IHSC-staffed facilities receive timely medical care. The care includes a health screening within 12 hours of arrival, and a complete health assessment within 14 days. A medical delivery care person staffs each facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week for direct patient access.

Detainees receive timely medical care, to include:

Initial Health Screening

- ✓ Vital signs.
- ✓ Initial dental, vision, medical, and mental health history and current status.
- ✓ Continuation of current medication therapies.
- ✓ COVID screening based on exposure history and symptoms, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance.
- ✓ Tuberculosis infection screenings.
- ✓ Pregnancy screenings for females.
- ✓ Patient education.



Comprehensive Health Assessment

- ✓ Physical examinations with vision screenings.
- ✓ Mental health screenings.
- ✓ Follow-up assessments for acute and chronic conditions as well as medication therapy.
- ✓ Behavioral health referrals for mental health conditions.
- ✓ Dental screenings and problem-focused care.



Detainees identified as high-risk during the intake process are triaged to a higher level of care immediately. If at any time a patient verbalizes an issue such as, “I feel very bad” or “I don’t have the medicine I need” a nurse or mid-level practitioner contacts a higher level medical provider, usually a physician, so that the patient is seen within 24 hours.

<https://www.ice.gov/features/health-service-corps>

Who is the FSC and why does VA pay for immigration detainees’ healthcare?

- The VA Financial Services Center (FSC) provides financial services to many federal customers. FSC has an agreement with ICE to provide medical claims processing services. Claims are reimbursed with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funds.

<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/about/offices/ihsc/pdf/ProviderInfo.pdf>