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## Summary of Standard of HIV Care for Incarcerated Women in Three Northeastern Prisons

Name & Location	York Correctional Institution, Niantic, CT <sup>^</sup>	Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Framingham, MA <sup>^^</sup>	Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Bedford Hills, NY <sup>^^</sup>
<b>Method of HIV testing</b>	Voluntary	Voluntary	Voluntary
<b>WOMEN INMATES (1998)</b> -Sentenced -Awaiting trial	1200 840 360	643 100-150 (county) 100-150	800 (up to 900) 800 0
<b>% known HIV+ women inmates</b>	9*	9-12%	9**
<b>HIV+ women under treatment</b>	80-100	40-60	60
<b>MEDICAL STAFF:</b> -Physicians -Nurses -Case Managers -Language skills	4 PT HIV specialists 2 nurses 1 case manager 2 M.D.s speak eng/spa	2 PT HIV specialist (1 day each) 1 nurse nurse acts as CM at least 1 eng/spa counselor	1 PT HIV specialist (3x/wk) nurse administrator N/A 2 eng/spa M.D.s
<b>Available HIV-related medical services and treatment:</b> -On-site  -Off-site services  -Medications	HIV & eye clinics, intermediate care unit, viral load monitoring  UConn Medical Center  HAART	HIV & eye clinics, infirmary, viral load monitoring  Lemuel Shattuck Hospital  HAART	HIV clinic, infirmary, viral load monitoring  St. Agnes Hospital, and Westchester Medical Center HAART
<b>On-site ob/gyn care</b>	Gyn care, cyrosurgery, obstetric care	Gyn clinic (2x/wk), colposcopy	Gyn care, colposcopy, cryosurgery, prenatal care
<b>MEDICATION POLICY:</b> -Keep on person (KOP) -Medline -Provisions for continuity of Medications	Yes Yes 2 week supply upon discharge	Yes (revoked upon non-adherence) Yes 1 week supply upon discharge	Yes Yes 30 day supply upon discharge & Rx for additional 2 wks
<b>RISK REDUCTION, EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS:</b> -HIV & safer sex education -Peer support/education -Physical & sexual abuse recovery -Drug treatment -Mental health -Skills building & vocational training	Yes Yes No  Yes Yes Yes	Services provided by CBO (Great Brook Valley Health Center)  Yes Yes No  Yes Yes Yes (collaboration with Boston University allows some women to obtain degrees)	Services provided by AIDS Counseling & Education (ACE)  Yes Yes Yes  Yes Yes Yes
<b>Discharge planning</b>	Project Transitional Case Management (TLC)	Discharge planning provide by CMS and contractors (including Great Brook Valley Health Center) and is overseen by the DOC	Discharge planning with parole and community based health agencies
<b>Oversight-review by external institution to ensure quality care</b>	Doe vs. Meechum-court mandated level of HIV care w/ DOC oversight	State appointed AIDS Task Force	DOH oversight body

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