New York City Department of Correction Monthly Report on Medical Appointment Non-Production July 2022

Pursuant to Local Law 132 of 2019, the Department is required to report on a monthly basis an aggregate report on non-production of individuals in custody to scheduled medical appointments (i.e., encounters). Individuals in custody can refuse an appointment at any time. The Department recognizes the importance of medical care for incarcerated individuals but does not use force to compel them to go to their appointment.

Individuals seeking the medical care provided by Correctional Health Services (CHS) can use the Sick Call Triage phoneline to request a medical appointment. Individuals with chronic conditions or those requiring a close follow up appointment frequently have appointments automatically scheduled for them by CHS. The Department tracks the number of medical appointments (i.e., encounters) scheduled by CHS at facility clinics, elsewhere on Rikers Island, or off-island for any number of reasons, including but not limited to medical, medication distribution, dental, mental health, Brad H discharge planning, and on-island/off-island specialist appointments. On a given day, individuals may have more than one scheduled appointment and they may not complete any or all appointments for a variety of reasons; production to each medical encounter is tracked and reported separately. The below data represents the number of CHS scheduled medical appointments for which an individual was not produced in the month of July 2022.

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	July 2022 Overall Non-Production Report								
Facility	Court	Visits	Production Refusal ¹	Walkout ²	Programming	Barbershop	Recreation	Other ³	Total
AMKC	138	6	1,091	55	0	1	11	206	1,508
EMTC	160	7	126	41	2	0	0	13	349
GRVC	42	0	954	15	0	0	0	1,273	2,284
NIC	59	2	222	12	8	0	2	69	374
RMSC	138	6	748	19	3	1	2	109	1,026
RNDC	171	15	1,029	6	46	3	288	1,001	2,559
VCBC	112	1	654	6	2	0	7	32	814
Total	820	37	4,824	154	61	5	310	2,703	8,914

¹ Production Refusal is a term used to describe an instance of an incarcerated individual refusing to be escorted to the clinic for their CHS scheduled medical appointment. In such cases, CHS may reschedule the appointment for a later time or date.

² Walkout is a term used to describe an instance of an incarcerated individual leaving the clinic before being seen by a healthcare professional. In such cases, CHS may reschedule the appointment for a later time or date.

³ Other includes but is not limited to instances where an incarcerated individual chooses to instead attend a work assignment, law library, school, religious services, or commissary, when maximum clinic capacity has been reached, when no escort is available, or when movement is limited due to a lockdown, search, or alarm.

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July 2022 Production Refusal Reasons							
Facility	"I do not want the service/I do not want to go to the service"4	"I am Not Coming Now and Will Come Later"	No Reason Provided	Total			
AMKC	1,028	26	37	1,091			
EMTC	83	0	43	126			
GRVC	299	29	626	954			
NIC	216	1	5	222			
RMSC	372	367	9	748			
RNDC	530	107	392	1,029			
VCBC	575	0	79	654			
Total	3,103	530	1,191	4,824			

July 2022 Walkout Reasons							
Facility	"Upon Entry, I do Not Want to Wait"	"I Am No Longer Waiting for the Appointment"	No Reason Provided	Total			
AMKC	15	38	2	55			
EMTC	29	11	1	41			
GRVC	1	14	0	15			
NIC	8	2	2	12			
RMSC	13	3	3	19			
RNDC	6	0	0	6			
VCBC	6	0	0	6			
Total	78	68	8	154			

⁴ In some instances, appointments are requested by incarcerated individuals, while in others, CHS schedules follow-up appointments based off their initial assessment. If an individual requests an appointment but no longer wants the service, an additional appointment is scheduled at the discretion of CHS.