

New York City Department of Correction
Monthly Report on Medical Appointment Non-Production April 2023

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 phonenumber 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 April 2023.

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April 2023 Overall Non-Production Report									
Facility	Court	Visits	Production Refusal¹	Walkout²	Programming	Barbershop	Recreation	Other³	Total
AMKC	213	7	2,674	45	3	3	9	517	3,471
EMTC	187	4	197	55	4	0	0	117	564
GRVC	227	1	859	4	0	0	0	0	1,091
NIC	90	0	683	0	2	0	18	160	953
RMSC	215	11	912	22	6	1	0	123	1,290
RNDC	180	19	1,015	11	54	18	176	427	1,900
VCBC	108	3	654	4	9	5	64	65	912
Total	1,220	45	6,994	141	78	27	267	1,409	10,181

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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April 2023 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	1,088	1,017	569	2,674
EMTC	102	43	52	197
GRVC	331	1	527	859
NIC	183	0	500	683
RMSC	216	367	329	912
RNDC	298	161	556	1,015
VCBC	212	65	377	654
Total	2,430	1,654	2,910	6,994

April 2023 Walkout Reasons				
Facility	"Upon Entry, I do Not Want to Wait"	"I Am No Longer Waiting for the Appointment"	No Reason Provided	Total
AMKC	45	0	0	45
EMTC	41	14	0	55
GRVC	0	4	0	4
NIC	0	0	0	0
RMSC	21	1	0	22
RNDC	9	2	0	11
VCBC	3	1	0	4
Total	119	22	0	141

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.