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

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October 2023 Overall Non-Production Report									
Facility	Court	Visits	Production Refusal ¹	Walkout ²	Programming	Barbershop	Recreation	Other ³	Total
EMTC	403	2	985	73	4	1	5	632	2,105
GRVC	294	0	1,222	0	0	0	0	0	1,516
NIC	81	3	296	14	3	0	11	31	439
OBCC	120	3	2,565	5	0	0	10	2,008	4,711
RMSC	232	20	1,124	13	2	0	0	147	1,538
RNDC	227	18	1,141	19	22	16	86	2,014	3,543
VCBC ⁴	32	2	132	60	3	1	22	14	266
Total ⁵	1,389	48	7,465	184	34	18	134	4,846	14,118

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.

⁴ VCBC was de-populated in phases throughout the month of October and closed the week of October 16th. Data for the West Facility dorms, where much of the VCBC population was transferred, was not yet available at the time of publication.

⁵ Data for the Department's Restrictive Housing (RESH) was not yet available at the time of publication.

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October 2023 Production Refusal Reasons							
Facility	"I do not want the service/I do not want to go to the service"6	"I am Not Coming Now and Will Come Later"	No Reason Provided	Total			
EMTC	470	102	413	985			
GRVC	758	0	464	1,222			
NIC	293	1	2	296			
ОВСС	10	1,311	1,244	2,565			
RMSC	622	491	11	1,124			
RNDC	942	27	172	1,141			
VCBC	95	28	9	132			
Total	3,190	1,960	2,315	7,465			

October 2023 Walkout Reasons								
Facility	"Upon Entry, I do Not Want to Wait"	"I Am No Longer Waiting for the Appointment"	No Reason Provided	Total				
EMTC	21	49	3	73				
GRVC	0	0	0	0				
NIC	0	0	14	14				
OBCC	5	0	0	5				
RMSC	11	2	0	13				
RNDC	17	2	0	19				
VCBC	50	10	0	60				
Total	104	63	17	184				

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⁶ 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.