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

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December 2022 Overall Non-Production Report									
Facility	Court	Visits	Production Refusal ¹	Walkout ²	Programming	Barbershop	Recreation	Other ³	Total
AMKC	196	4	3,344	46	16	1	1	495	4,103
EMTC	152	5	63	28	0	0	0	18	266
GRVC	260	0	1,145	5	0	0	0	0	1,410
NIC	89	1	573	0	3	0	14	81	761
RMSC	178	5	1,022	16	5	1	1	36	1,264
RNDC	184	39	782	16	43	17	55	666	1,802
VCBC	94	2	232	0	1	3	12	46	390
Total	1,153	56	7,161	111	68	22	83	1,342	9,996

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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December 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	2,406	910	28	3,344				
EMTC	36	0	27	63				
GRVC	661	0	484	1,145				
NIC	573	0	0	573				
RMSC	363	659	0	1,022				
RNDC	502	37	243	782				
VCBC	228	4	0	232				
Total	4,769	1,610	782	7,161				

December 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	29	7	10	46				
EMTC	22	0	6	28				
GRVC	0	5	0	5				
NIC	0	0	0	0				
RMSC	16	0	0	16				
RNDC	8	0	8	16				
VCBC	0	0	0	0				
Total	75	12	24	111				

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.