

# **Kansas Administrative Regulations**

## **Department of Corrections**

### **Article 15.—Grievance Procedure for Inmates**

#### **44-15-106. Emergency procedure.**

"Emergency grievances" shall mean those grievances for which disposition according to the regular time limits would subject the inmate to a substantial risk of personal injury, or cause other serious and irreparable harm to the inmate. In emergency situations the inmate may bypass the prerequisite of informal resolution if going to the unit team would not obtain a solution to the problem. The inmate shall indicate on the face of the grievance form the nature of the emergency and shall write the word "emergency" at the top of the grievance report form. Emergency grievances shall be forwarded immediately, without substantive review, to the level at which corrective action can be taken. Emergency grievances shall be expedited at every level. The same external review provisions that apply to regular grievances shall apply to emergency grievances.

If the person at the corrective action level determines that the grievance is not an emergency, that fact shall be included on the grievance form and the form shall be signed by the person who made that determination. The grievance may then be processed from that point on as a regular grievance. If necessary for a proper response the grievance may be sent for processing at a lower level.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 75-5251, K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-5210, 75-5210(f); effective May 1, 1984.)

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