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# Policy:

Juvenile Correctional Health (JCH) staff will participate in a multi-disciplinary team approach to develop individualized treatment plans for those residents who are diagnosed with significant medical or psychiatric illnesses and/or developmental disabilities.

### **Procedures:**

- A. Individualized Treatment Plans
  - Probation staff will refer juveniles with a previous medical or psychiatric history or whose behavior/condition indicates a need for psychiatric or medical evaluation to health services or mental health staff, as appropriate. An evaluation will be completed, treatment and recommendation for housing will be made, or transfer to an appropriate care facility will be initiated, as indicated by physician and/or psychiatrist orders.
  - At Intake all juveniles are asked if they receive services through Alta Regional Center (ARC). If they answer "yes" or if they are known ARC clients the Intake Nurse will contact ARC and inform them that the client is in Youth Detention Facility (YDF).
  - Juveniles determined by attending medical staff to be in need of acute medical care will be transferred in accordance to medical transportation policy and procedure. Juveniles determined to be in need of acute psychiatric care will be transported as determined by mental health staff.
  - 4. Referrals to health services staff may be made at any time during intake or incarceration period by Probation.
  - 5. Probation staff will consult with health services staff regarding the condition, capability, potential reactions and special needs of juveniles with known medical, psychiatric and/or developmentally disabled conditions prior to:
    - a. Housing assignments
    - b. Program assignments
    - c. Disciplinary measures
    - d. Transfer in or out of the facility
  - 6. Health services staff will be notified of all pending transfers out of the facility

- 7. Health Service staff shall provide information to transporting personnel regarding special medical or psychiatric considerations of the juvenile prior to transfer out of the facility.
- 8. Health Services will communicate with Probation Staff regarding residents who are:
  - a. Chronically ill
  - b. On dialysis
  - c. Infected with serious communicable disease
  - d. Physically disabled
  - e. Pregnant
  - f. Mentally ill or suicidal
  - g. Developmentally disabled
  - h. Vulnerable to abuse/manipulation
  - i. Requiring protection from physical or sexual abuse
  - j. Hearing or vision impaired
  - k. Requiring limb prosthetics
  - I. Requiring medical devices or appliances
  - m. Requiring medical supplies

### References:

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### Attachments:

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