

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe the management of psychiatric emergencies.

POLICY

Youth who are deemed to be dangerous to themselves or others are immediately referred to Juvenile Justice Mental Health Program (JJMHP) and/or transferred to a higher level of care.

JJMHP is responsible for determining the appropriate mental health referral facility and shall be consulted for suitable care requirements.

PROCEDURE

- JCHS does not administer psychotropic medication to patients for chemical restraints.
- JJMHP staff evaluates youth that present as a danger to self or others. A decision shall be made by the treating clinician regarding the appropriate referral center if the youth requires emergency medications.
- If no mental health clinicians are present at the facility, JCHS healthcare staff will consult the on-call psychiatrist for direction on appropriate management or treatment for the patient.
- In the case of an acute psychiatric emergency, emergency medical service will be activated through the 911 system. The patient will be sent to the nearest appropriate facility as determined by the County Emergency Medical System.

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AUTHORITY

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REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-I-02
Juvenile Justice Mental Health Standard Operating Procedures – Psychotropic Medication

REVIEW DATES

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