

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe how all aspects of health care are coordinated and monitored from admission to discharge.

POLICY

- Clinician treatments are based on the best available evidence-based guidelines and are implemented in a timely manner.
- Deviations from standards of practice are clinically justified, documented, and shared with the patient. If significant deviations are necessary, the matter will be discussed with the responsible health authority.
- Diagnostic tests are reviewed by the clinician in a timely manner.
- Treatment plans are modified as clinically indicated by diagnostic tests and treatment results.
- Treatment plans, including test results, are shared and discussed with patients.
- When youth are referred for outside care, written or verbal information about the patient and the specific problem to be addressed must accompany them. An alternative is for information to be obtained through the DHS electronic medical record system (ORCHID) if the youth visited a DHS facility/provider.
- Youth are seen by a nurse and/or physician upon return from a hospitalization, urgent care, or emergency department visit to ensure proper implementation of the discharge orders and to arrange appropriate follow-up.
- Recommendations from specialty consultations are reviewed and acted upon by the clinician in a timely manner.
- If changes in treatment recommendations are clinically indicated, justification for the alternative treatment plan is documented in PEMRS and shared with the youth.
- Chart reviews are done to assure that appropriate care is ordered and implemented, and that care is coordinated by all health staff, including medical, dental, mental health, and nursing.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1430

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-E-12

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