

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe how newly admitted youth receive appropriate medical attention for emergency medical conditions existing upon arrest.

POLICY

Prior to admission into a juvenile hall, all youth are screened for medical conditions that require emergent treatment. Admission to the detention facility of these emergent patients is dependent upon written medical clearance from a nurse or physician.

PROCEDURE

1. All newly admitted youth shall be assessed upon entrance to the juvenile hall by a probation officer who shall notify a nurse or physician if a patient has evidence of trauma, bleeding, altered mental status, is known to be or suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or has a significant medical history requiring emergent medication or special handling. The health intake screening form completed by the admission Probation Officer will be entered into the youth's PEMRS chart. Probation staff will notify health staff immediately if any potentially significant health issue is identified on screening.
2. A nurse or physician will evaluate youth for appropriateness for admission to the detention facility. Youth that require emergent medical attention will not be accepted for admission and will be referred to a hospital emergency room. This includes, but not limited to:
 - Altered consciousness
 - Mentally unstable
 - Significant bleeding or injury
 - Intoxication

AUTHORITY

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

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-E-02

REVIEW DATES

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