

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe how youth are transported to scheduled health care appointments in a timely manner.

POLICY

Youth are to be transported safely and in a timely manner for medical, mental health, and dental clinic appointments, both within and outside the facility.

PROCEDURE

1. A daily report is generated from PEMRS that is available both for Probation and JCHS staff which contains information regarding which youth have an upcoming scheduled appointment.
2. JCHS will also prepare an envelope with referral materials for each youth with a scheduled appointment to an outside facility. The respective envelopes will be provided to the Probation transportation team each morning.
3. At Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall, if a youth is housed in a "high risk unit", nursing will work with Probation to arrange transportation via Sheriff escort. This typically requires notification ahead of time to prepare for this special transportation.
4. Probation shall maintain protection of confidentiality of personal health information during transport.
5. JCHS staff documents reasons for missing the appointment in PEMRS. Youth are then rescheduled for any missed appointments as needed. Youth missing appointments scheduled outside of the facility will have their medical information reviewed by a physician who will determine any next course of action. Additional care may be required before the next outside clinic appointment and this will be ordered by the physician as needed.
6. Missed appointment trends are reviewed by JCHS Leadership with resolution of the problems attempted at the facility level. Concerns about persistent or unaddressed problems are brought to the attention of Probation for resolution.

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