

# JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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**PURPOSE**

To describe ways youth with mental health needs have access to mental health services.

**POLICY**

Youth identified as needing mental health services are referred to the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs (JJMHP) Department.

A JJMHP psychiatrist completes a Psychotropic Medication Authorization (PMA) anytime the treating psychiatrist prescribes a psychotropic medication. JJMHP Health Information Management staff files the PMA with the court, and scans it into the Probation Electronic Medical Records System (PEMRS). See the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs Policy and Procedure Manual for further information regarding the PMA.

JCHS Nursing administers all psychotropic medications ordered by the JJMHP psychiatrist. JCHS Nursing staff performs psychotropic medication side effect evaluations and documents in the Medication Administration Record. Any adverse side effects are communicated to the JJMHP psychiatrist.

JCHS participates in Interdepartmental Behavior Modification Program meetings.

**AUTHORITY**

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1437 & 1439

**REFERENCE**

NCCHC Standard Y-E-05, Y-G-04, Y-I-02  
Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs Policy and Procedure Manual

**REVIEW DATES**

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