

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe how resources are provided to youth with physical impairments.

POLICY

Medical and dental orthoses or prostheses and other aids for impairment are provided to the youth in a timely manner when the health of the youth would otherwise be adversely affected, as determined by the responsible physician or dentist.

PROCEDURE

1. Youth requiring aids to impairment to prevent adverse health effects are identified by the responsible physician or dentist.
2. Attempts to obtain existing aids from home are made.
3. If there are no existing prostheses available, the responsible physician or dentist refers to a specialty physician or other care provider.
4. Examples include:
 - Aids for impairment: eyeglasses, hearing aids, canes or walkers, crutches, or wheelchairs
 - Orthoses: specialized mechanical devices used to support or supplement weakened or abnormal joints or limbs such as braces, foot inserts, or hand splints
 - Prostheses: artificial devices to replace missing body parts such as limbs, teeth, eyes, or heart valves
5. If the use of specific aides to impairment is contradicted for security concerns, alternatives are considered so the health needs of the youth are met. In these cases, the youth is referred to the Individualized Behavior Management Plan (IBMP) committee to consider alternatives or special accommodations.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1436

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-G-10

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