

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe the process by which Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) health care personnel who provide services to youth in Probation facilities are appropriately credentialed according to State requirements.

POLICY

JCHS will verify that the health care professionals who provide health care services to youths are legally qualified to practice and render such care. This is in coordination with the ACN Credentialing Policies and Procedures.

PROCEDURE

1. Each JCHS department will maintain a department-specific procedure to verify that health providers assigned to that department are legally qualified to practice.
2. The department-specific procedure shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Type of employee requiring credentials.
 - Details of credentialing process including inquiries regarding: responsible individual or organization verification procedures, contact agencies, sanctions or disciplinary actions imposed by State boards, previous employers, and the National Practitioner Data Bank.
 - Reference to duties permitted / limited by the credential.
 - Prescribers of controlled substances must have current, individual Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) numbers.
 - Statement identifying that the individual employee is responsible for maintaining compliance with state regulations regarding credentialing.
 - Students must be properly oriented and supervised by a credentialed care provider and must not perform tasks beyond those permitted by their student status.
 - Restricted or probationary licenses are not accepted by JCHS as a part of the credentialing process except as detailed in civil service and LADHS Human Resource requirements.

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3. The responsible health authority (RHA) assures that all new hires undergo a credentialing verification process that confirms current licensure, certification, or registration.
4. Health professionals will not perform tasks beyond those permitted by their credentials and privileges.
5. The RHA (or designee) maintains the verification of current credentials for qualified health care professionals at a readily accessible location.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1404

REFERENCES

NCCHC Standard Y-C-01

ACN PO-03.001 – Credentialing and Privileging of Licensed Independent Practitioners

REVIEW DATES

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