

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES****SUBJECT:** PATIENT SERVICE CONTRACTS**POLICY NO.** 161

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**PURPOSE::** To outline the Department's position regarding contracting for patient services.**POLICY::** The Department, in providing health services to the residents of Los Angeles, shall do so by blending County services and services in the private sector through contracts. All contracts must be approved or terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

Services rendered may include:

1. Mental Health Services
2. Substance Abuse Services (Drug and Alcohol)
3. Emergency Services
4. Medical Services
5. Education and Training Services
6. Other Health Services Activities as Legally Permitted.

If at any time during the term of the contract a contract facility is found to be in violation of the terms of the agreement with the County, the contract may be canceled; and County patients would, in such cases, be transferred to either County facilities or another contract facility.

**GUIDE::** A copy of all approved patient services contracts shall be maintained in the Office of Contract Services.**AUTHORITY::** California Welfare & Institutions Code  
California Health & Safety Code  
California Government Code

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Nov 24, 1975**SUPERCEDES:****APPROVED:** Signature on File