

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



SUBJECT: CARE AT REHABILITATION HOSPITALS

POLICY NO. 281

PURPOSE:: To indicate the role of Department rehabilitation hospitals in providing care for persons with severe, incapacitating diseases or injuries.

POLICY:: The Department's rehabilitation hospitals shall accept patients from Department acute care hospitals or directly through referrals from personal physicians in the community. The County's specialized medical or surgical services shall be available to County residents requiring intermediate or long-term intensive treatment. The major criteria for acceptance is that with appropriate treatment, the patient has potential for recovery or improvement.

Services shall be provided by professionals from multi-disciplines including physical medicine, nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy. Some of the Department's facilities shall include programs of social education, utilizing psychological and vocational teams.

Continuity of care shall be provided by hospitals through outpatient clinics as well as follow-up visits by home care teams to the patient in the community after discharge as necessary.

AUTHORITY:: California Welfare & Institutions Code

EFFECTIVE DATE: Nov 24, 1975

SUPERCEDES:

APPROVED: Signature on File
