

Scope of Health Care

979.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for the scope of health care within juvenile facilities. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

979.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1402;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Policy Y-101;
- Welfare and Institutions Code, §§ 209, 210 & 885.

979.3 POLICY

Facility manager(s) shall ensure provisions for emergency and basic health care services are provided to all youth in a juvenile facility. Services are provided through Correctional Healthcare Services (CHS) and shall represent those services that are available through community providers.

979.4 SCOPE OF HEALTH CARE WITHIN JUVENILE FACILITIES

At least one health care provider shall be available to provide treatment through CHS.

Health care services shall be provided at a level necessary to address emergency, acute symptoms and/or conditions and avoid preventable deterioration of health while youth are detained.

When health services are delivered within the juvenile facility, staff, space, equipment, supplies, materials and resource manuals shall be adequate for the level of care provided.

979.5 ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE OUTSIDE JUVENILE FACILITIES

Health care services not provided in the facility shall be made available through community providers.

Consistent with security requirements and public safety, juvenile facilities shall allow for parents, guardians, or other legal custodians, at their own expense, to authorize and arrange for medical, surgical, dental, behavioral health or other remedial treatment of youth that is permitted under law. Security matters presenting obstacles to the provision of medical care should be jointly discussed by the CHS administrator or designee and the facility manager(s).

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