

## Health Care Staff Procedures

### 982.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for health care staff to perform clinical functions or services as determined by a responsible physician. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

### 982.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1405;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Policy G-108;
- Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 209, 210 & 885.

### 982.3 POLICY

The responsible physician for each facility providing on-site health care may determine that a clinical function or service can be safely and legally delegated to health care staff other than a physician. When this is done, the function or service shall be performed by staff operating within their scope of practice pursuant to written protocol, standardized procedures or direct medical order.

### 982.4 DELEGATION OF SERVICES TO HEALTH CARE STAFF

A responsible physician shall delegate services only if the designated health care staff are properly:

- (a) Qualified and legally permitted to perform such services;
- (b) Trained in the provision of such services; and
- (c) Trained in the appropriate procedures for ensuring safety and confidentiality.

### 982.5 PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

Whenever the responsible physician determines a clinical function can be safely delegated, that function shall be performed pursuant to a protocol that:

- (a) Is in writing, dated and signed by a physician in charge;
- (b) Specifies and outlines the procedure to be performed;
- (c) Establishes the required training for personnel initiating the protocol;
- (d) Establishes the method for evaluating continued competence of persons authorized to perform such clinical functions;
- (e) States the limitations or conditions/settings in which protocols may be performed; and
- (f) Is reviewed by health care staff and updated by the responsible physician and the health administrator, at least annually.

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