

Access to Treatment

990.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures to provide unimpeded access to health care for youth in juvenile facilities. This applies to all juvenile facility staff.

990.1.1 DEFINITION

Definition related to this policy includes:

Injury - Any instance in which a youth is hurt even if treatment is not provided. This includes youth injuries such as scratches or swellings, injuries from assaults/fights, accidental injuries from playing sports or other environmental hazards, and cases where a youth is injured during the application of restraints.

990.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 §§ 1402 & 1411;
- Juvenile Facility Services Policy: Orientation, Reporting of Incidents and Other Information;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Policy Y-101;
- Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 209, 210 & 885.

990.3 POLICY

Information regarding access to health care services shall be communicated verbally and in writing to youth upon their arrival at the juvenile facility. Provisions shall be made to ensure all youth understand how to obtain care, including non-English speaking and those unable to read.

990.4 ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Health care services and how to request services shall be explained to the youth during the admittance process. Refer to Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Orientation.

On-site health care staff shall make sick-call rounds to each living unit on a daily basis in juvenile facilities.

Youths' parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall be made aware of health care services provided for the youth when they complete a medical consent form.

990.4.1 YOUTH REFERRALS/REQUESTS

Juvenile facility staff shall observe youth for health needs/injuries and make referrals to the on-site health care staff as needed.

A youth may request health care services by filling out a nursing request form and placing it in the health care request box on each living unit or by asking staff.

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990.5 REPORTING OF HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

Injuries, illness, or any other unusual occurrences requiring urgent or immediate medical treatment shall be reported to the on-site health care staff and the duty officer (DO). Staff shall complete an incident report in the Juvenile and Adult Management System (JAMS) prior to the end of their shift. Refer to Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Reporting of Incidents and Other Information.

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