

**Mississippi Department of Human Services
Division Youth Services
Medical Services**

**PROTOCOL FOR ELECTIVE PROCEDURES AND/OR
SURGICAL REVIEW**

Non-Emergent or Elective Surgical Procedures require pre-authorization, or approval, by the facility physician, similar to any managed care system. The guidelines that govern elective procedures or surgeries are not controversial and favor those procedures needed to correct a substantial functional deficit or a pathological process that threatens the well-being of the Juvenile. The following steps are completed:

- Step 1 Appropriate subspecialty consultation is obtained.
- The specialist documents a diagnosis and treatment plan on the Consultation Form XI.25.B.
 - If a non-emergent procedure or surgery is recommended post evaluation, the specialist shall designate whether the procedure or surgery is elective or cosmetic.
- Step 2 The facility Physician shall review the Consultation Form. A recommendation based on the review, patient symptoms, and findings noted in the youth's medical record is made.
- Step 3 The Health Services Supervisor or designated nurse shall notify the Health Services Coordinator of the elective procedure or surgical request.
- Step 4 The Health Services Coordinator shall review the elective procedure or surgery to determine:
- If said Juvenile would be otherwise adversely affected during his/her stay in a MDYS Facility;
 - If the time period remaining before youth release is small enough to allow service to be preformed in the community;
 - If the elective procedure or surgery is Cosmetic or Experimental;
 - If the youth has received disease based health education; and
 - If the youth's parent or legal guardian has been notified of the necessary community medical or surgical appointments or referrals.
- Step 5 After reviewing the consultation documentation the Health Services Coordinator in consultation with the facility physician shall make a discussion to complete the elective procedure or surgery.