I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, that guidelines shall be established to ensure youth shall receive appropriate diagnostic laboratory services as ordered by the physician/practitioner and dentist. The contract Laboratory Services Manual shall be adhered to for instructions delineating specific testing and documentation guidelines. (4-JCF-4C-03)

II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this policy and procedure, the following definitions apply:

None

III. PROCEDURE

A. Admission Lab Testing

Nurses shall obtain intake diagnostic laboratory work on all youth admitted at the time of the admission physical examination.

1. All youth shall receive an admission lab panel consisting of the following:
   - CBC with Differential
   - Urinalysis (Microscopic if indicated)
   - Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) testing
     - RPR
     - HIV
     - Gonorrhea
     - Chlamydia
2. All laboratory work shall require a physician’s order to initiate. The order is written on the Doctor’s Order Form, located in the youth’s health record.

3. The Director of Medical Services/designee shall institute and maintain a Laboratory Log Form XI.17.A of all lab work collected. The nurse collecting the specimens shall enter the youth’s name, DOB, laboratory tests performed, and date of the collection on the laboratory log.
   a. As lab results are returned from a laboratory, a nurse shall document the date received on the lab log.
   b. Critical values and other significantly abnormal lab findings shall be immediately reported to the facility physician, dentist or psychiatrist.

4. The facility physician, dentist or psychiatrist shall review, date, and initial all lab results.

C. The Director of Medical Services shall revise this policy as necessary.