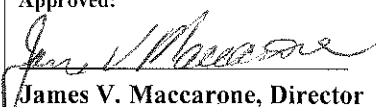


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**I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, to prohibit the use of youth for medical, pharmaceutical or cosmetic experiments. This policy does not preclude individual treatment of a youth based on his or her need for a specific medical procedure that is not generally available. (4-JCF-4C-48)

**II. DEFINITIONS**

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

Experimental Medical Procedure- is a procedure in which there is the expectation that the patient/subject shall benefit, but the uncertainty about the benefit and risks is typically greater compared with the standard treatment.

**III. PROCEDURE**

- A. The Director of Medical Services shall notify the Physician/Dentist in the event a consulting physician recommends individual treatment of a youth based on his or her need for a specific medical procedure that is not generally available.
1. The Director of Medical Services may, following a thorough clinical evaluation and consultation with the Facility Administrator, Division Director and Legal Counsel, approve use of medications and/or treatments in structured clinical studies which provide individualized treatment options not otherwise available.
  2. An individual's treatment with an experimental medical procedure by his/her Physician shall be undertaken only after the youth and the parent or guardian or legal custodian has given consent following an explanation of the positive

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and negative features of the treatment and shall comply with all state and federal guidelines.

- B. The Director of Medical Services strictly prohibits the use of youth for medical, pharmaceutical, or cosmetic experiments.
- C. Clinical research aimed at improving the care or condition of confinement is not prohibited. Research shall be in compliance with all state and federal guidelines. (4-JCF-4C-48)
- D. The Director of Medical Services shall revise this policy as necessary.