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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, that standard procedural guidelines shall be established for admission to, and care within the facility's Infirmary. (4-JCF-4C-21)

II. DEFINITIONS

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

None

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The Infirmary, is located in the medical clinic, provides twenty-four (24) hour nursing care services and a Physician/Dentist on call. All youth shall be within sight or sound of a JCW. All nursing care procedures and/or treatment plans are derived from standard of care guidelines. Refer to policy XI.20, Special Health Care Needs Program and Health Care Treatment Plans.
- B. Admission to the Infirmary shall be for illness or medical conditions, as diagnosed by a Physician/Dentist, which require observation and management in a facility other than an accredited hospital. Admissions to the Infirmary are generally categorized as:
 - Post-operative Admission
 - Trauma Admission
 - Medical Observation and/or youth requiring frequent therapeutic modality or interventions
 - Complicated pregnancy and/or complicated post partum recovery
 - Medical isolation i.e. Active pulmonary TB, Acute Hepatitis and/or other infectious diseases

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- Frequent lab and/or medication monitoring
 - Special Physical Needs
 - Other conditions not listed, but approved for admission by the facility Physician/Dentist, Director of Medical Services.
1. Youth admitted shall have a diagnosis and treatment plan in place. Diagnostic tests, lab work, and X-Rays shall be completed prior to admission if possible.
 2. If the diagnostic work-up is found to be incomplete or inadequate, the Director of Medical Services/designee shall refer the youth to an appropriate medical facility.
 3. Youth admitted to the Infirmiry shall be able to perform self-care with assistance and/or supervision provided by the medical personnel, JCW and/or security officer. The Infirmiry is not designed for long-term custodial care.
 4. Youth admitted to Infirmiry with a contagious disease shall be managed in accordance with standards in the Mississippi Department of Health Epidemiology standards.

C. Infirmiry Procedures

1. The Director of Medical Services/designee shall notify the Shift Supervisor of the admission and the need for JCW assignment to the clinic for the duration of the youth's stay in the medical clinic (Infirmiry).
2. The Director of Medical Services/designee shall notify food service of admission details so that youth's meals can be delivered to the medical clinic for the youth in the infirmiry. The following information shall be given:
 - The Youth's name
 - DOB
 - Living Unit to which youth is assigned
 - Length of expected Infirmiry confinement
 - Therapeutic diet orders
 - Food allergies
3. The lights shall remain on in the infirmiry room during the daytime hours so that the nursing staff can observe youth at all times.
4. The designated JCW assigned to the youth in infirmiry shall remain in the room with the youth at all times.
5. Every shift shall document youth's status in the youth's health care record, Interdisciplinary Progress Notes, XI.8A and on the Medical Department Shift Report XI.10.A in addition to verbal shift reports.

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- D. The Director of Medical Services/designee and the responsible Physician/Dentist shall be consulted prior to taking action regarding chronically ill, physically disabled, or technology dependent youth in the following areas: housing assignments, program assignments, disciplinary measures, and transfers to other facilities. When immediate action is required, consultation to review the appropriateness of the action occurs as soon as possible, but no later than seventy-two hours.
- E. The Director of Medical Services shall revise this policy as necessary.