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## Patient Treatment Decisions

### 978.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for the provision of health care as a joint effort of juvenile facility manager(s) and Correctional Healthcare Services (CHS). This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

### 978.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1401;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Policy Y-101;
- Welfare and Institutions Code, §§ 209, 210 & 885.

### 978.3 POLICY

Clinical decisions about the treatment of individual youth are the sole province of licensed health care professionals, operating within the scope of their license. Safety and security policies and procedures that are applicable to youth supervision staff also apply to health care personnel.

### 978.4 STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

All tests, treatments and procedures ordered by the licensed health care provider, functioning under the authority of the responsible physician, shall be allowed and adhered to by staff.

At no time shall medical treatment or withholding of medical treatment be used as a form of punishment toward youth.

CHS personnel shall not be called upon to perform non-medically-related functions.

If at any time juvenile facility staff have any questions or concerns regarding a youth's medical treatment, they shall immediately contact the duty officer (DO) or supervising probation officer (SPO).

### 978.5 SECURITY

Safety and security matters presenting obstacles to the provision of medical care should be jointly discussed by CHS and the facility manager(s). The responsible physician is required to approve any modifications in care to ensure the welfare of the youth is protected.

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