

Confidentiality

984.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures consistent with applicable laws, for the multi-disciplinary sharing of youth health information and case files. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

984.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1407;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Policy Y-103;
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996;
- Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 209, 210 & 885.

984.3 POLICY

Youth health care records and case files shall be safeguarded from unauthorized and improper disclosure and shall be treated as confidential information.

984.4 ACCESS TO YOUTH HEALTH INFORMATION AND CASE FILES

The health administrator in cooperation with the facility manager(s) shall authorize provisions for providing information to the court, youth supervision staff and deputy probation officers.

Information in the youth's case file shall be shared with the health care staff when relevant.

The nature and extent of information shared shall be appropriate to treatment planning, program needs, protection of the youth or others, management of the facility, maintenance and security, and preservation of safety and order.

The physician-patient confidentiality privilege applies to youths' health care records. Access to health care records is controlled by the health administrator and the facility manager(s).

984.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

Medical and behavioral health services shall be conducted in a private manner to ensure youth are afforded the ability to communicate confidentially consistent with The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Youth shall not be used to translate confidential medical information for other non-English speaking youth.

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