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## I. POLICY

The health administrator, in cooperation with the facility administrator, shall develop written policy and procedures to provide unimpeded access to health care.

## II. PROCEDURES

- A. All juveniles shall be oriented by the Triage Nurse on admission to the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). This orientation shall include:
1. Confidentiality standards. Exceptions are:
    - a. When SPY staff hear and believe that the juvenile is in danger of hurting himself/herself or someone else.
    - b. There is a reasonable suspicion that the juvenile has been or is being abused (Policy No 1453 Child abuse and sexual abuse reporting)
    - c. SPY staff are told by the juvenile on admission or while detained at JJC that he/she is infected with HIV.
    - d. SPY staff are under a Court Order or other legal requirement to release specified health records.
  2. Distribution of written information about available comprehensive health care services, including distribution and explanation of the juvenile's rights and responsibilities relative to such services.
  3. Information about the sick call procedures.
  4. Instructions for accessing immediate care.
  5. For the female detainee, she will be given information according to State laws concerning:
    - a. Her right to summon and receive the services of any clinician of her choice in order to determine whether she is pregnant.
    - b. If found to be pregnant, her right to access the services of a clinician of her choice.
    - c. The fact that no condition or restriction upon the obtaining of an abortion by a female detained in the facility pursuant to the American Academy of Pediatrics v Lungren 16 Cal.4th 307 (1997), shall be imposed. Females found to be pregnant and desiring abortions, shall be permitted to determine their eligibility for an abortion pursuant to

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law, and if determined to be eligible, shall be permitted to obtain an abortion (W&I § 220).

d. The fact that a female confined to the facility shall, upon her request:

- i. Be allowed to continue to use materials necessary for personal hygiene with regard to her menstrual cycle (see II.A. in Policy No. 14.4, "Bathing and Personal Hygiene" and Policy No. 15.501, "Special Health Care Program");
- ii. Be furnished, by SPY health care staff, with information and education regarding prescription birth control measures, and
- iii. Be furnished, by SPY health care staff, with services necessary to meet her family planning needs at the time of her release from the facility [W&I § 221 (a) (b) (c)].

B. Non-English speaking juveniles shall have provisions for translation made available by health care staff utilizing, as appropriate, on-site SPY staff or SFDPH contracted language service. Under no circumstances shall detained juveniles serve as translators in the delivery of health care services.

C. Written guidelines for accessing health care services shall be provided to each juvenile by Juvenile Hall Staff at the time the juvenile is admitted, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the units where juveniles are housed.

D. Rights of female detainees to receive services involving pregnancy from a health care provider of their choice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the living unit where females are housed (W&I § 222). (See II.A. in Policy No. 18.5, "Counseling for Pregnant Juveniles".)

E. Rights of female detainees to determine their eligibility for and obtain an abortion shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the living unit where females are housed (W&I § 220). (See II.B. in Policy No. 18.5, "Counseling for Pregnant Juveniles".)

F. All juveniles shall have access to primary medical care in the facility through regularly scheduled medical clinics held Monday-Friday, as well as sick call and nursing rounds.

G. All juveniles shall have access to dental services for acute needs.

H. All juveniles shall have access to crisis intervention services, as needed and access to behavioral health services through self or staff referral.

I. Daily 24-hour nursing coverage shall be available at the facility. Any staff member who believes a juvenile is in need of emergency care shall contact the medical staff for immediate attention by a registered nurse who shall contact/confer with a dentist, or a medical or behavioral health clinician, as indicated.






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- J. Juveniles shall be encouraged to register health care complaints and grievances, and may request health care at any time.

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2. Welfare and Institutions Code. In: West's California Juvenile Laws and Court Rules-1994. St. Paul, MN : West Publishing Co.; 1995: 24.

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