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I. POLICY

- A. Medical and dental prostheses shall be provided when the health of the youth would otherwise be adversely affected, as determined by the healthcare provider or designee.
- B. JPD Staff shall notify a SPY nurse if a prosthetic device is removed from a youth, and the JPD and SPY staff are responsible for complying with Penal Code Section 2656 concerning the removal of prosthetics deemed dangerous and the follow up medical assessment of the youth.






II. PROCEDURES

- A. Prosthesis: Procedures for acquiring medical or dental prostheses shall be made available by the medical or dental staff to juveniles in accordance with the following conditions:
 - 1. If the health of the juvenile otherwise would be affected adversely, medical and dental prostheses shall be provided.
 - 2. The healthcare provider or dentist shall determine which cases warrant this treatment and make appropriate referrals.
 - 3. SPY shall either provide the necessary prostheses, with consent of parent/guardian, free of charge to the juvenile or make arrangements with the parents/guardians or an appropriate agency for possible funding.
 - 4. The provider or dentist and the medical or dental staff shall record all pertinent data in the juvenile's health or dental record.
 - 5. If the provider or dentist determines that prosthesis is not required, this decision shall be so noted in the juvenile's health or dental record. In this case, the juvenile or his parents/guardians may choose to pay for the prosthesis.
- B. Examples of Medical Devices and Prostheses include:
 - 1. Glasses and Contacts
 - 2. Retainers
 - 3. Crutches/Walkers/Wheelchairs
 - 4. Poles used to keep a limb elevated for healing
 - 5. Insulin pumps
 - 6. Prosthetic limbs
 - 7. Hearing aids
 - 8. Warm clothing/gloves for cold-sensitive conditions
- C. If JPD notifies a SPY nurse of the removal of a prosthetic device from a youth: a SPY medical provider shall be notified immediately and will assess the youth within 24 hours after the removal. If a SPY medical provider is not available or able to make such an assessment, the on call provider will be called to determine if youth should be transported to SFGH for the assessment or if under physician and nursing judgement the assessment can wait until a SPY provider is available. If the assessment concludes that removal is or will be injurious to the health or safety of

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the youth, the provider shall so inform the youth and the JPD Director or designee of that assessment in writing.

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