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Institutional
Policy/Procedure**

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SUBJECT: PRIVACY OF MEDICAL CARE

CATEGORY: MEDICAL SERVICES

Policy

It is the policy of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) that medical encounters are conducted in private, with an IDJC staff present, and are carried out in a manner designed to encourage the juvenile's subsequent use of health services.

Operating Procedures

I. Ensuring Confidentiality

- A. Discussions among staff regarding juvenile care occur in private.
- B. Medical encounters occur in private, without being observed or overheard.
- C. The assessment and treatment of medical and psychiatric conditions are provided in a manner that is consistent with protecting the juvenile's dignity and privacy.
- D. Medical or clinical interactions between juveniles and medical staff, whether conducted in the medical clinic or on the housing unit, will be conducted with the licensed medical staff or contract medical provider and one additional staff present. When single-staffed, Rehabilitation Technicians are present only if the juvenile poses a probable risk to the safety of licensed medical staff or the contract medical provider.

II. Examinations

All juvenile breast, rectal, pelvic, or external genitalia examinations carried out by medical providers will have an additional staff in attendance. Accommodations will be made in accordance with Non-Discrimination of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning Juveniles (672) policy/procedure. At a minimum, verbal permission is obtained and documented in the electronic medical record for these examinations.

III. Non-English Speaking Patients

- A. Arrangements will be made for an interpreter, when there is an inability to communicate with the juvenile in the same language concerning medical care.
- B. Any persons involved in the communication of, witness of, and interpretation of juvenile health information or in the direct care of a juvenile receiving medical care will treat the health information as confidential in accordance with IDJC policy and

state and federal laws including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Reference: [Glossary of Terms and Acronyms](#)
 [NCCHC Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement](#)
 [Facilities Y-A-07: Privacy of Care](#)

Desk Manual(s): *None*

Related Policies: [Health Information/Privacy \(843\)](#)
 [Juvenile Supervision \(608\)](#)
 [Confidentiality/Privacy \(328\)](#)

Related Forms: *None*