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Policy/Procedure**

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SUBJECT: JUVENILES PROHIBITED AS HEALTH CARE WORKERS

CATEGORY: MEDICAL SERVICES

Policy

It is the policy of Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) that juveniles are prohibited from being used as health care workers in any capacity.

Operating Procedures

- A. Due to the highly sensitive nature of the information and services provided by facility health care personnel, juveniles are not permitted to be used as health care workers in any capacity.
- B. Juveniles are not allowed to participate in any of the following:
 - 1. Juveniles do not make treatment decisions or provide patient care.
 - 2. Juveniles do not distribute or collect Juvenile Request for Health Care (DJC-021) forms, schedule appointments, transport or view health records, handle or administer medications, or handle surgical instruments and sharps.
 - 3. Juveniles are not used to clean clinic or facility areas contaminated with biological/biohazardous waste (body fluids or byproducts) materials of others. Universal precautions, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) are observed when juveniles are required to clean up areas soiled with their own biological/biohazardous waste or materials. Refer to Bloodborne Pathogens and Tuberculosis Training.
 - 4. Juveniles are not substitutes for regular program staff, but may be involved in appropriate peer health-related programs.

Reference: [Glossary of Terms and Acronyms](#)
 [Bloodborne Pathogens and Tuberculosis Training](#)
 [NCCHC Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and](#)
 [Confinement Facilities Y-A-06: Youth Workers](#)

Related Policies: *None*

Related Forms: [Juvenile Request for Health Care DJC-021](#)