

**Idaho Department of
Juvenile Corrections
Institutional
Policy/Procedure**

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SUBJECT: HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND MEDICAL CLEARANCE

CATEGORY: MEDICAL SERVICES

Policy

It is the policy of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) that all juveniles admitted to the IDJC are screened and assessed by licensed medical staff to determine the juvenile's health status and to ensure that emergent and urgent health needs are met. All health information is recorded in the electronic medical record and treated as confidential in accordance with state and federal law including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Operating Procedures

- A. IDJC facility staff notifies licensed medical staff when a juvenile is admitted to the IDJC for initial intake to Observation & Assessment (O&A) or when a juvenile is transferred to or from another IDJC facility.
- B. Facility staff ensure that juveniles who are unconscious, semiconscious, bleeding, mentally unstable, severely intoxicated, exhibiting symptoms of alcohol or drug withdrawal, or otherwise urgently in need of medical attention are referred immediately for care and medical clearance at a community hospital. Once the IDJC has received written medical clearance from the hospital, the juvenile may be returned to the facility.
- C. A [receiving screening](#) takes place as soon as possible upon acceptance into the facility.
- D. The receiving screening form that is used must be approved by the [responsible health authority](#).
- E. Licensed medical staff collects the juvenile's pertinent health history, diagnostic labs, current medical assessment, past infectious disease, recent communicable illness symptoms, dental problems, allergies, dietary needs, legal and illegal drug use, and prescription medication. Determination of a juvenile's health status and action taken is made by the contract medical provider and licensed medical staff.
- F. If a juvenile is determined to have a health condition or risk that affects others, that juvenile remains medically isolated as appropriate until deemed cleared by the contract medical provider and/or licensed medical staff. Once medically cleared, the juvenile returns to the facility's general population.

- G. Any health information collected that has an impact on educational performance and learning is documented on the Confidential Student Medical Information form, located in the electronic health record, and sent to the designated IDJC facility education staff.
- H. All confidential health information is recorded in the electronic health record in accordance with HIPAA.

Reference: *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*
 [Glossary of Terms and Acronyms](#)
 National Commission of Correctional Health Care: Standard for Health
 Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities Y-E-02
 Receiving Screening

Related Policies: [Health Information/Privacy \(843\)](#)
 [Access to Medical Care \(801\)](#)

Related Forms: *None*