

Chapter: Emergency Health Care	Effective Date: 4/15/17
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(a) **Standard.**

Halfway house staff members are trained to respond to health-related emergencies within four minutes. Halfway house staff members receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and juvenile health upon being hired and annually thereafter, as scheduled. The training programs include:

- (1) recognizing the signs and symptoms of a potential emergency situation and understanding the actions required;
- (2) administering CPR and first aid;
- (3) obtaining assistance in an emergency;
- (4) recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness, developmental disability, and substance use disorders; and
- (5) transferring patients to appropriate medical facilities or health-care providers (addressed during on-the-job training).

(b) **Procedures.**

- (1) The **superintendent** ensures that local procedures for medical, dental, and mental health emergencies are posted as required by [HHS.40.05](#). (See [HHS.40.10a](#) for sample emergency procedures.)
 - (2) **All staff members:**
 - (A) attend Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) pre-service training;
 - (B) attend TJJD annual training, as scheduled;
 - (C) respond using appropriate first-aid techniques to health-related emergencies within four minutes; and
 - (D) follow the Protocols for the Care of Minor Health Conditions in [Appendix B](#) for severe allergic reactions that require the use of an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®).
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