

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Treatment Division: Programming for Youth with Specialized Treatment Needs Rule: Use of Clinical Polygraph in the Sexual Behavior Treatment Program ACA: N/A Statute(s): N/A	Effective Date: 12/1/14 Page: 1 of 1 Replaces: GAP.380.87.89, 4/26/04
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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to provide limitations and clinical oversight for the use of clinical polygraph examinations in the treatment of sex offenders.

(b) **General Provisions.**

- (1) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department approves the use of clinical polygraph examinations for certain selected youth admitted to the agency's Sexual Behavior Treatment Program (SBTP). Use of the clinical polygraph is strictly controlled and must be approved in each instance by qualified clinical professionals.
- (2) All polygraphs are administered:
 - (A) by a licensed polygraph examiner in accordance with the state guidelines for clinical polygraph examination of sex offenders; and
 - (B) in a setting that provides dignity and privacy for the youth to the extent possible.
- (3) A youth may be considered for a polygraph if the youth:
 - (A) has been adjudicated for a sexual offense;
 - (B) has been admitted to the SBTP and has completed the initial SBTP evaluation; and
 - (C) is not making progress in the treatment program.
- (4) A youth will not be considered for a polygraph if the youth:
 - (A) is self-abusive;
 - (B) is suicidal;
 - (C) has been diagnosed with a major psychiatric disorder such as psychosis, major depression, or bipolar disorder; or
 - (D) is younger than age 14.

See the *Sexual Behavior Treatment Program Manual* for implementation procedures.