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(a) **Standard.**

Treatment by a nurse is performed pursuant to written standing or direct orders by a provider. Health care practitioners such as nurse practitioners and physician's assistants practice within the limits of applicable laws and regulations.

(b) **Procedures.**

- (1) Direct orders are defined as written and/or verbal instructions by a provider in prescribing medication or treatment for a specific youth.
 - (2) Standing orders are developed and approved by the University of Texas Medical Branch – Correctional Managed Care (UTMB) medical director for all Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) institutions relating to the control of ectoparasitic and infectious diseases.
 - (3) Nursing protocols are developed by the UTMB medical director for all TJJD institutions and apply to over-the-counter medications and treatments.
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