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(a) **Standard.**

When necessary, youth with severe mental illness or severe intellectual disability are referred for placement in a non-correctional facility or in a unit specifically designated for handling these specialized populations. Emergency transfers to a mental health facility will be approved by and coordinated with a licensed physician and/or the local mental health authority and reported to the court the next working day.

(b) **Procedures.**

- (1) Youth who exhibit dangerous behavior due to mental illness may be referred to a TJJD crisis stabilization unit (CSU), a state-operated psychiatric mental hospital, or a private psychiatric facility to prevent imminent harm to self or others. See [GAP.380.8767](#), [GAP.380.8769](#), and [GAP.380.8771](#).
 - (2) An emergency transfer to a psychiatric placement other than TJJD CSU must be initiated by a University of Texas Medical Branch – Correctional Managed Care (UTMB) psychiatrist and/or the local mental health authority and authorized by the county court. The institutional placement coordinator ensures the committing court is notified of an emergency transfer to a state or private psychiatric hospital within one workday after the transfer.
 - (3) Youth with a moderate or severe intellectual disability are referred to the Mart Residential Treatment Center (MRTC). See [GAP.380.8775](#).
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