

Chapter: Unimpeded Access to Care
Title: Physician Orders and Protocols

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(a) **Standard.**

The Texas Youth Commission (TYC) medical director approves protocols for the care of minor health conditions and the onsite management of emergency conditions. Health care protocols apply to over-the-counter medications and intervention guidelines. The protocols are reviewed annually and signed by the TYC medical director. Instructions or orders received from a provider regarding an individual youth's condition must be written and not verbal.

(b) **Procedures.**

(1) **Treatment Protocols.**

- (A) Implement treatment protocols for identified condition as established in Appendix B.
Person Responsible: Human Services Specialist (HSS) / Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO)
- (B) Record condition and treatment given on the Treatment and Intervention Record, HLS-505.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
- (C) Place the HLS-505 in the daily health record binder behind the youth's picture.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
- (D) Prepare Medication Administration Records (MAR) as indicated.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO

(2) **Physician/Dentist/Psychiatrist Orders.**

- (A) Receive written orders from physician/dentist/psychiatrist (may be faxed copy).
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
 - (B) Clarify orders with physician/dentist/psychiatrist or nurse if necessary.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
 - (C) Implement physician/dentist/psychiatrist orders exactly as written.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
 - (D) Document on the HLS-505 all action taken in response to the order.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
 - (E) Receive MAR from assigned facility.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
 - (F) Place physician/dentist/psychiatrist orders and Treatment and Intervention Record, HLS-505, in the daily health record binder in the appropriate section behind the youth's picture.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
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