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(a) **Standard.**

- (1) A health care treatment plan is developed by the health care provider for youth who require medical supervision for chronic and convalescent care. This plan includes directions to nursing staff and other facility personnel regarding their roles in the care and supervision of the youth.
- (2) Youth with chronic illnesses or conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and other diseases receive periodic care and treatment that includes:
  - (A) medication monitoring;
  - (B) laboratory testing;
  - (C) specialist consultation, as needed; and
  - (D) health care provider review and examination, as indicated.

(b) **Chronic Care Procedures.**

- (1) Upon admission to TJJD, youth with noted chronic conditions are scheduled for evaluation by the facility provider.
- (2) The provider determines whether or not a youth will be placed in the Chronic Care Clinic (CCC). If placement in the CCC is indicated, the provider writes the CCC order.
- (3) If a youth is placed in the CCC, the provider completes an individualized treatment plan, including direction to the nursing staff and other facility personnel regarding their roles in the care and supervision of the youth.
- (4) The provider evaluates each youth in CCC initially and at least once every six months thereafter, except as described in (5) below.
- (5) The provider evaluates youth with HIV, active TB, and/or diabetes at least once every three months. Youth receiving isoniazid (INH) therapy are evaluated initially, when treatment is completed, and upon a nursing referral.
- (6) The registered nurse assesses each youth in CCC as outlined in the individualized treatment plan.
- (7) Health care education provided to youth regarding their chronic health condition is documented in the Electronic Medical Record (EMR).

(c) **Convalescent Care Procedures.**

- (1) The nursing staff notifies facility personnel verbally and in writing of youth requiring convalescent care.
- (2) The nursing staff schedules youth on convalescent care status for follow-up with the provider at the next scheduled clinic.
- (3) The provider develops a treatment plan, including directions to the nursing staff and other facility personnel regarding their roles in the care and supervision of the youth.
- (4) If the youth is recovering in the infirmary, the provider issues a discharge order to release the youth from the infirmary when the youth can function adequately in his/her regular program.

- (5) A nurse notifies facility personnel of any restrictions, limitations, or needed observations and documents the notification in the EMR.
  - (6) The provider and nurse schedule follow-up visits as indicated and document the follow-up encounters in the EMR.
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