

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Treatment Division: Programming for Youth With Specialized Treatment Needs <b>Rule: Emergency Mental Health Admission</b>  ACA: 4-JCF-4D-06 Statute(s): N/A	<b>Effective Date: 12/1/14</b>  Page: 1 of 1  Replaces: GAP.380.8771, 2/20/98
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**RULE**

(a) **Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that youth experiencing a psychiatric crisis receive immediate emergency care.

(b) **Placement Criteria.**

A youth may be placed in a hospital or stabilization unit to prevent imminent, serious harm to self or others due to behavior stemming from an apparent psychiatric crisis.

(c) **Placement Options.**

- (1) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) refers youth who meet criteria to the following emergency placements:
    - (A) TJJD crisis stabilization unit (see [§380.8767](#) of this title); or
    - (B) private hospital for emergency psychiatric care, if the TJJD crisis stabilization unit is not available.
  - (2) If a youth is placed in a private hospital, TJJD staff seek copies of evaluations performed by the hospital, forward all reports to the TJJD crisis stabilization unit, and submit a referral packet to the stabilization unit as soon as possible.
  - (3) An extension past seven days in a private psychiatric hospital must be approved by the division director over treatment services.
  - (4) A youth may remain in a private hospital only until he/she is sufficiently stabilized to allow safe movement to a TJJD crisis stabilization unit, as determined by the hospital physician.
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