

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Program Services Division: Health Care Services Rule: Involuntary Emergency Administration of Psychotropic Medication ACA: 4-JCF-4C-29, 4C-30, 4D-01 Statutes: N/A	Effective Date: 4/15/15 Page: 1 of 1 Replaces: GAP.380.9192, 8/1/09
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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

This rule establishes criteria for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to administer psychotropic medication to youth in TJJD-operated high restriction residential facilities. These criteria apply in a psychiatric emergency when the youth cannot or will not give consent for the administration.

(b) **Definitions.**

See [§380.9175](#) of this title for definitions of certain terms in this rule.

(c) **References.**

See [§380.9723](#) of this title for use of force procedures and approved techniques.

(d) **Criteria for the Involuntary Emergency Administration of Psychotropic Medication.**

- (1) Psychotropic medication may be administered in an injectable form to a youth with a diagnosed mental health condition in a psychiatric emergency when the youth cannot or will not give consent and the youth demonstrates any of the actions listed below:
 - (A) imminent and substantial harm to self because of overt behaviors that could result in bodily harm or death; or
 - (B) imminent and substantial physical harm to another because of acts the youth overtly commits.
- (2) Only a facility psychiatric or medical provider as defined in §380.9175 of this title may prescribe the involuntary emergency use of psychotropic medication.

(e) **Restrictions for Administering Psychotropic Medication.**

- (1) Psychotropic drugs shall not be administered for punishment or for program management or control. Pharmaceutical experimentation or research using TJJD youth is strictly prohibited.
- (2) Standing medication orders are prohibited in a psychiatric emergency.

(f) **Emergency Commitment to a State Hospital or Admission to a Crisis Stabilization Unit.**

- (1) TJJD initiates commitment to a state hospital for a youth requiring compelled psychotropic medication. See [§380.8769](#) of this title for state hospital commitment procedures.
- (2) If the youth qualifies for admission to a crisis stabilization unit, staff immediately initiates an admission referral. See [§380.8767](#) of this title regarding admission to a crisis stabilization unit.

(g) **Notification.**

- (1) The facility administrator or designee notifies the parent/guardian of involuntary administration of psychotropic medication as soon as possible following the action.
- (2) Psychiatric emergencies are reported in accordance with agency procedures for reporting serious incidents.