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(a) **Standard.**

- (1) The University of Texas Medical Branch Correctional Managed Care (UTMB-CMC) mental health director and medical and dental directors for youth services arrange for medical, dental, and psychiatric care, including off-campus emergency and specialty care, for youth in Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) halfway houses. UTMB's Utilization Review Department pre-authorizes referrals of youth for off-site emergency or specialty care.
- (2) The TJJD medical director approves health care protocols for the care of minor health conditions to be used by non-medical halfway house staff.

(b) **Procedures.**

- (1) The **UTMB-CMC medical director for youth services** designates a medical care provider for each TJJD halfway house.
 - (2) The **UTMB-CMC dental director for youth services** designates a dental care provider for each TJJD halfway house.
 - (3) The **UTMB-CMC mental health director** designates a psychiatric provider for each TJJD halfway house.
 - (4) Referrals of youth to off-site medical care providers are made upon the written order of the primary care provider and must be pre-authorized by UTMB's Utilization Review Department.
 - (5) The **TJJD medical director** approves health care protocols for minor health conditions to be used by non-medical halfway house staff. These protocols are outlined in [Appendix B](#) of this manual.
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