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Subchapter: Security and Control	
Rule: Security Unit Admission Pending Program or Facility Transition	

RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria and procedures for temporarily admitting Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) youth to the security unit if certain criteria are met.

(b) **Applicability.**

This rule applies to youth assigned to a high-restriction facility operated by or under contract with TJJD who are awaiting:

- (1) transportation to another TJJD high-restriction facility that is scheduled to occur within the next 48 hours;
- (2) transportation to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Correctional Institutions Division (TDCJ-CID);
- (3) transportation to a court hearing; or
- (4) reassignment to the intervention program, as described under [§380.9510 of this chapter](#).

(c) **General Provisions.**

- (1) All standard security unit services (e.g., recreation, education) required in [§380.9740 of this chapter](#) shall be provided while the youth is in the security unit under this rule.
- (2) The referring staff must make a written request for admission to the director overseeing secure facilities or designee. Such written request is required for admission.
- (3) The referring staff is responsible for ensuring that the following items are present at the time of referral:
 - (A) written statement including the purpose of admission, with supporting documentation (e.g., any incident reports or arrest reports, court orders, routine facility transfer documentation);
 - (B) medical subfile or copies of pertinent medical records, if electronic records are unavailable;
 - (C) documentation of any medication the youth is taking;
 - (D) copy of the written request for a court hearing, if applicable;
 - (E) Level II hearing finding of true for intervention-program-eligible conduct, if applicable; and
 - (F) expected length of stay in the security unit.
- (4) Security staff are responsible for admitting, processing, and releasing youth from the security unit. Designated staff in the security unit will conduct a review to determine whether admission criteria have been met. A mental health review for contraindications is conducted to determine if placement in the security unit is appropriate.

- (5) Youth are released from the security unit upon departing from the sending facility or, if no transportation is involved, upon reassignment to the intervention program.
 - (6) Youth are released from the security unit if the grounds for holding them in the security unit cease to exist (e.g., court hearing is canceled, youth is not admitted to the intervention program).
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