

MEDICAL CONSENTS

- AUTHORITY:** Juvenile Court Miscellaneous Order 620.5 May 28, 2009
California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Sections 1432 and 1434
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item 2-1-210, dated 12/22/11
- FORMS:** Authorization for Medical Care (F057-7001.12)
- PURPOSE:** Establishes authority for the Health Care Agency to examine, immunize and treat youth under the care and control of the Probation Department.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. On **May 28, 2009**, the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court signed a Miscellaneous Order authorizing the Health Care Agency to provide medical examination and treatment to any and all **youth** under the care and control of the Orange County Probation Department and temporarily housed in Juvenile Hall.

This order authorizes the Health Care Agency to obtain a comprehensive health assessment as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Child Health Disability Prevention Program and mandated by the Division of Juvenile Justice Medical Standards for Juvenile Halls. This authorization may include:

1. A complete history and **unclothed** physical examination by a licensed medical professional; and/or,
2. A mental health status evaluation by a licensed **mental health clinician; and/or,**
3. **Dental Treatment by a licensed dentist as necessary to respond to acute conditions and to avert adverse effects on a youth's health; and/or,**
4. Emergency medical/dental care by a licensed **medical /dental professional; and/or**
5. Any tests, including blood, urine, saliva, or X-rays, the examining physician or dentist determines are necessary for the evaluation of the child's health status, including PPD (to detect tuberculosis) and **screening for other sexually transmitted diseases; and/or**
6. Any prophylactic immunization, as provided in the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics and U.S. **Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).**

This order further authorizes the Health Care Agency to secure such ongoing, routine health care (as outlined in the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics and **the medical guidelines of the Child Health and Disabilities**

Prevention Program) for youth who are in their temporary care, as well as to promote the physical and emotional well being of those **youth**.

B. As long as this court order remains in effect the Deputy Probation Officer will no longer sign the Authorization for Medical Care form except for:

1. **Youth** in Foster Care. This authorization is a part of the standard placement order.
2. The Juvenile Court Work Program (JCWP) will have Authorization for Medical Care forms signed by parents as part of their orientation process. Again, if a parent refuses, the matter should be referred back to the Juvenile Court.

C. Exclusion

This order does not authorize the Health Care Agency to administer medications which require an "informed" parental consent when no parent is available or when the parent refuses to provide consent. Further, it does not authorize the Health Care Agency to provide consent in the absence of a parent when surgery is indicated for a **youth** and the surgery is of a non-life threatening nature. In these cases signed parental consent or a specific court order via a Modification Petition will be required.

D. Medical Consent Forms

1. **Based on standards of the Board of State and Community Corrections, a signed medical consent must be obtained on each youth entering Juvenile Hall prior to any and all medical care. Only when attempts to locate the parents to obtain signed consent have failed will the standing court order from the Presiding Judge be sufficient. Additionally, medical care will be provided for emergency and/or life threatening situations prior to obtaining a signed parental consent.**
2. **In order to meet this standard within the earliest possible time limits, forms will be kept at the reception area for the parent to sign. Reception staff will ensure the form is filled out and signed by the parent. Once signed, Reception staff will route the form to Booking.**
3. **Booking staff will enter that the form has been completed and received into ICMS. Booking staff will then route copies to the Medical Unit, Supervising Juvenile Correctional Office and Administrative Manager I for Juvenile Hall.**

REFERENCES:

Procedures:	3-1-401	Health Care Procedures
	3-2-011	Intake

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