

**PROCEDURE FOR REFERRING YOUTH TO MENTAL
HEALTH FACILITIES AS A 5585 HOLD**

- AUTHORITY:** Administrative Directive
California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 1437
California Penal Code Section 4011.6
Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5585
Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 6551
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item 2-1-204, dated 04/08/16
- FORMS:** County of Orange Authorization for Medical Transportation Envelope from Medical Unit Containing Current Medical Information of the youth being 5585/5150 W&I
- PURPOSE:** To establish procedures for referring youth for possible psychiatric hospitalization.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Directors of Juvenile Hall, Joplin Youth Center, Youth Leadership Academy, and Youth Guidance Center, or in his/her absence, the Administrator In Charge (AIC) or Duty Officer, have the authority pursuant to Section 4011.6 of the California Penal Code to refer youth to a mental health facility. It should be noted, when a youth's behavior becomes unacceptable and he/she represents a danger to themselves or others, or presents as gravely disabled, the Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unit (CEGU) shall be contacted and a therapist will evaluate the youth to determine his or her psychological needs, during business hours. If it becomes necessary to hospitalize a youth under 5585 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Director, AIC, Duty Officer, SJCO, CEGU therapist or medical personnel will contact 911 or the non emergency ambulance service to transport the unstable youth to the nearest emergency room, UCI Medical Center. Once at the hospital, medical issues that may be causing the youth's mental health crisis will be ruled out first. The youth will be screened by a UCI psychiatrist for a possible 5585/5150 WIC involuntary 72-hour psychiatric hospitalization. Once the youth is evaluated, UCI will then find the closest available bed for psychiatric hospitalization. The CAT Team can be contacted to assist in finding a bed when one is not available. When a youth exhibits behaviors that may lead to the utilization of the 5585 or 5150 WIC, staff will contact CEGU and the unit Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer, Duty Officer or Administrator in Charge. Once the decision is made to send the youth to UCI for a 5585/5150 evaluation, the youth shall be placed on Level III suicide precaution and a Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer will begin observation notes on the youth with notations being documented, not to exceed 15 minutes. In the event the decision is made to utilize Section 5585/5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the following procedure will be followed:

II. PROCEDURES

A. Application:

1. CEGU staff members are on duty seven days per week. Telephone (714) 935-6363, or on weekends they may be reached by contacting

Juvenile Hall Control at [REDACTED] If an incident occurs after hours and there are no CEGU representatives available, the CAT Team may be contacted and will respond to assist staff in determining if the behaviors displayed warrants the youth to be hospitalized. The CAT Team's role in an after hours incident is only to affirm Probation's belief that the youth is displaying behaviors that should lead to the youth being hospitalized under a 5585 / 5150 WIC. The CAT Team may be contacted by calling: (866) 830-6011.

2. Staff shall accompany the youth to the hospital. The SJCO shall advise the ambulance personnel that the youth is in custody and that prior to any release, Juvenile Hall Control is to be contacted. While being evaluated at the hospital, the Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officers providing supervision of the youth will remind the hospital staff that the youth being treated is detained by the court.
3. The Director of Juvenile Hall, Joplin Youth Center, Youth Leadership Academy or Youth Guidance Center, or in his/her absence, the designated Duty Officer, shall immediately notify the court when the youth has a pending proceeding; upon such notification by the Director or their designee, the court will forthwith notify counsel for the youth and the prosecuting attorney in the court proceeding.
4. Unit staff or the unit Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer will notify the assigned Deputy Probation Officer regarding the transfer of the youth to a mental health care facility. In the event the assigned DPO cannot be reached, the Supervising Probation Officer or Division Director will be contacted in that order.
5. A therapist from the Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unit will notify the youth's parents(s) or guardian regarding the youth's transfer to the hospital. If the youth has been transported after business hours or a CEGU therapist is unavailable, a representative from the Juvenile Hall Medical Unit will contact the parent(s) or guardian regarding the youth's transfer to the hospital.
6. Once it has been determined the youth should be sent to the hospital for psychiatric hospitalization, the youth shall be placed on a Level III suicide precaution and staff shall begin documenting Level III observation notes not to exceed 15 minutes.
7. The Juvenile Hall Medical Unit shall be notified once the decision to transport a youth to the hospital has been made. The Medical Unit will prepare paperwork to send to the hospital informing the treating facility of any medications the youth has been taking and if there is a current diagnosis regarding the youth (the Medical Unit staff may contact the ambulance service at Probation's request).
8. While at the hospital, staff will document the location of the youth (i.e. the ER or a room number - if moved) and the times the doctors and nurses meet with the youth. Document the medical personnel's name(s) whenever possible so there is a written record.

B. Youth Admitted to Mental Health Facility from Emergency Room

When a youth is admitted to a mental health facility from the emergency room, the accompanying staff will, after acceptance by the mental health facility, contact Juvenile Hall Control and return to their work assignment. Staff may not leave the hospital until the hospital takes physical control of the youth. The youth's unit must be contacted as soon as possible so a population adjustment can be made. The unit SJCO or Duty Officer shall contact Booking to inform them the youth has been admitted at the hospital under the designation of a 5585/5150 WIC (reminder - youth 18 years old or older will be admitted under 5150 WIC.)

Once the treating facility has cleared the youth to return to Juvenile Hall, CEGU will contact the Director of Juvenile Hall, Administrator in Charge, or a Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer regarding the youth's imminent return. Juvenile Hall will arrange for transportation of the youth from the treating facility back to Juvenile Hall. Two staff shall be involved in the transportation of the youth back to Juvenile Hall. In most cases, institutional security staff will be utilized to transport these youth.

Once the youth returns from the mental health facility, the Director of Juvenile Hall, Administrator in Charge, or a Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer will notify booking of the youth's return so the youth can be added back onto the Juvenile Hall population.

REFERENCES:

Procedures:	1-4-002	Emergency Services for Mentally Ill Probationers
	1-4-003	Suicide Prevention
	3-1-053	Suicide Prevention Program
	3-1-404	Referral of Youth to Mental Health

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