

TITLE: EYE/VISION CARE	POLICY #: 46
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Policy: McCrossan Boys Ranch will provide an eye/vision care program for all residents.

Definitions: N/A

Procedures:

1. Vision Screening and Examination

At the time of admission, the Nurse will complete a vision screening for each juvenile as part of the health screening. The Ranch's Medical Director in the course of the physical examination will also conduct a vision examination. The juvenile will also receive a vision examination from a licensed eye doctor if he has not received an exam in the ninety days prior to his admission into the Ranch program. Residents will be taken for follow up visits as needed and will receive annual vision examinations if their stay at the Ranch exceeds one year.

2. Referrals for Vision Screening and Examination

The Ranch's consulting psychologist may make a recommendation regarding the need for eyeglasses or contact lenses as part of his/her battery of academic assessments. If any Ranch staff or contract employee believes that a juvenile is suffering from a visual problem, he/she may refer the child to the Nurse.

1. Obtaining and Wearing of Eyeglasses

Upon obtaining a prescription from a licensed eye doctor, eyeglasses or contact lenses will be obtained from the provider approved for the juvenile. Eye wear needs to be worn at the times recommended by the eye doctor.

2. Broken or Missing Eyeglasses

If eyeglasses are broken, they will be given to someone in the Medical Office for repair or replacement. When the eyeglasses are broken, and they were initially provided through a subsidy by the Lions Club, the individual himself or the responsible peer will be charged \$40 restitution for the replacement or repair of the glasses. If the eyeglasses are lost, someone in the medical office will be notified and replacement glasses will be obtained.

3. Contact Lenses

Discretion will be exercised in the use of contact lenses. Residents will not be permitted to purchase or wear colored contact lenses unless it is done for justifiable medical reasons and ordered by a physician. It should be considered a privilege to purchase and wear contact lenses based upon appropriate level, must have an off-Ranch job to pay for the contact lens fitting, the contacts and replacements, cleaning solutions, and must have shown responsibility while at the Ranch of wearing and taking care of the current set of eye wear. If disposables are prescribed, all extra pairs will be kept in the Nurse's office. When it is time for a

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replacement, the resident must bring the old lenses in to “trade in” for the new pair in order to prevent giving the old contacts to peers. In the case of an eye infection, the resident will need to destroy the old contacts and receive the new contacts once the infection is cleared up. The resident should wear eyeglasses during the healing period.