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Policy: McCrossan Boys Ranch will provide when medically indicated a program of specialized medical care to include chronic care, convalescent care, medical and dental prostheses, and medical preventive care.

Definitions: Prostheses: Artificial devices that replace missing body parts or compensate for defective bodily function.

Chronic Care: Long-term medical care requiring specialized health care personnel equipment which is not normally available at the Ranch.

Procedures:

1. Medical Consultation

The McCrossan Boys Ranch's Medical Director, or responsible physician, in consultation with special physicians and/or dentists, will determine when the health of the juvenile would otherwise adversely be affected without the following services:

- A. Chronic Care
- B. Medical and dental prostheses
- C. Convalescent care
- D. Medical prevention care
- E. Specialty Services

2. Specialty Services

Those juveniles in need of specialized services (e.g. dietician, neurologist, allergist, physical therapist, etc.) will be identified by the Associate Director or Nurse. Usually the juvenile's referral worker will be contacted to obtain authorization or the necessary specialized medical intervention or therapy needed.

3 Medical Convalescence

Given the nature of the medical condition for a particular resident and the expected period of time involved in recovering from a diagnosed medical condition, the resident will be allowed to convalesce at home or in another medical facility not associated with McCrossan Boys Ranch. In such special cases, the Associate Director will obtain authorization from the resident's referral worker. The resident will then return to the Ranch to complete the program when cleared by a medical professional.

4. Medical Preventative Care

To the extent possible, the Ranch's Nurse will provide instruction to the residents on medical preventive care to include the following:

A First Aid

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B. CPR

- C. Oral and body hygiene; grooming practices
- D. Sexually transmitted diseases or HIV

5. Prostheses

If a resident who is in need of a medical or dental prostheses, it will be provided for him. However, first of all a consultation needs to occur involving the Associate Director with the Ranch's Medical Director or other health authority to determine the medical necessity of the prosthetic device. Funding for prosthetic devices will ordinarily come from private insurance, the referral agency, or other third party payment sources.