

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

**TEMPORARY RELEASES FOR JUVENILES IN DETENTION
FOR MEDICAL REASONS**

POLICY

Unless otherwise authorized by the court, juveniles in Detention who need medical attention outside the facility will be transported to their appointment by deputies from the Sheriff's Department.

PROCEDURE

Upon a determination by medical personnel serving juveniles in the Detention facility and/or the Detention Supervisor or designee, an appointment will be scheduled by Detention staff as far ahead of time as possible but in a manner which does not in any way endanger the health or safety of the juvenile or others in the facility.

Detention staff will notify JRC of the appointment time and location, and JRC will prepare a Transport Order for the Sheriff's Department to transport the juvenile to the appointment. The order will be prepared as soon as possible and will include the date, time, and location of the appointment. JRC will also make verbal contact with the Sheriff's Department to inform them of the pending order. Upon preparation of the order, the order will be given to a Juvenile Court Commissioner for approval and then copies provided to the Sheriff's Department as needed.

EXCEPTIONS

There are some circumstances in which the above process is not applicable:

1. For juveniles needing emergency medical attention in which it is not timely to obtain a formal Transport Order, a request for transportation will be made verbally to the Sheriff's Department and/or the EMS system. Only in the event of a life-threatening situation may a juvenile not otherwise authorized by this policy or the Court be transported to an emergency medical facility without law enforcement supervision.
2. For juveniles who otherwise have current authorization for temporary releases from detention for the purpose of attending school, being out with parents or staff, pre-placement or other appointments with the social worker, etc., Detention staff may arrange for the medical release with an approved party. For example, if the court has already authorized TR's accompanied by parents, Detention may arrange for a parent to accompany the juvenile to a medical appointment; a juvenile granted temporary releases for attending school may be accompanied to an appointment by a parent or other party as approved by the Detention Supervisor. This exception does not apply to juveniles who have been granted TR privileges only for the purpose of pre-placement interviews or visits.

3. For juveniles for whom a community placement is imminent, the appointment may be made for a time beyond when the juvenile is expected to be in Detention. If that is not medically advisable, the request to the Commissioner will be for authorization for a parent or other non-law enforcement party to transport the juvenile (e.g. detention staff, social worker, etc.). Should the Commissioner decide that the juvenile requires law enforcement transport, he/she may so order.
4. For juveniles placed in Detention on Sanctions, the Detention Superintendent or Juvenile Court Administrator may authorize temporary releases to a parent, social worker, or other responsible party for purposes of seeking medical, mental health, or dental services.