



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
DETENTION SERVICES
FACILITY MEDICAL POLICIES**

Superintendent _____ Signature Designated Health Authority _____ Signature	Effective Date: November 1, 2016	Revised Date: July 5, 2018		Procedure Number: 8003 Medical Services
Subject: LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES			Reference: 63M-2.0031 & 63N-1.003 Quality Assurance Standards 4.01; 4.02	
Purpose:	The purpose of this policy is to identify credential requirements and additional information with regard to various types of health care providers/disciplines.			

PROCEDURE:

A. Licensure Requirements and General Responsibilities

- a. The **Designated Health Authority** (DHA) must be a board certified Physician (MD) who holds an active, unrestricted license under Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, or an osteopathic Physician (DO) who holds an active, unrestricted license under Chapter 459, Florida Statutes and meets all requirements for practice in the State of Florida. The Physician’s specialty training should be in Pediatrics, Family Practice or Internal Medicine (with experience in adolescent health). If this is not the case, then there must be a demonstrated prior experience in treating the primary health care needs of adolescents.
- b. A **Psychiatrist** who holds an active, unrestricted license under Chapter 458, 459, Florida Statutes may serve as the DHA (under the conditions specified) of a facility that provides specialized mental health services, as long as the Psychiatrist has current experience in medically treating the physical health care needs of adolescents. If this is not the case then there **MUST** be an arrangement for a pediatrician, family practices, Physician or internist (with experience in adolescent health) to provide those services. In the event that a Psychiatrist wishes to utilize a psychiatric ARNP as a designee for clinical responsibilities only, the ARNP’s education, experience, and certification/licensure must be in psychiatry/mental health as state on the Department of Health website. The psychiatric ARNP may not serve as the DHA’s designee for non-psychiatric purposes. In these instances, there must be an arrangement for a pediatrician, family practice Physician or internist (with experience in adolescent health) to provide the primary care services.
- c. **Dentists** (DMD, DDS) must hold active, unrestricted licenses under Chapter 466, Florida Statutes and meet all requirements for practice in the State of Florida.
- d. **Physician Assistants** (PA) must hold active, unrestricted licenses under Section 458.347, Florida Statutes and meet all requirements for practice in the State of Florida. Physician Assistants may not serve as a facility’s DHA, but may provide clinical services, to the extent that these services fall within their scope of practice and the extent that their respective supervising Physicians delegate them. A Physician Assistant

shall be supervised by his, or her, delegating Physician in accordance with, governing statutory regulations 64B8-30 and. provide direction over the services of the physician assistant. In providing supervision, the supervising physician shall periodically review the physician assistant's performance.

- e. **Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP)** must hold active, unrestricted licenses as Registered Nurses and meet all requirements for practice in the State of Florida and hold an applicable specialty certification as an ARNP pursuant to Chapter 64B9-4.002(2) FAC effective July 1, 2006. Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners may only provide services for which they are trained/educated and which fall within their certification/licensure (for example, psychiatric ARNPs provide mental health services and family practice ARNPs provide family/physical health services).
- f. **Registered Nurses (RN)** providing nursing services must hold active unrestricted licenses under Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.
- g. **Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)** that provide nursing services must do so under the direction of a Registered Nurse, ARNP or Physician and hold an active license under applicable sections of Chapter 464, Florida Statutes. They may provide nursing care that is pursuant to written treatment protocols appropriate for LPNs that are developed, approved, and signed by the Designated Health Authority.