



COUNTY OF YOLO

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION 5, CHAPTER 11, POLICY 018

FURNISHING SUPERVISION

A. PURPOSE: To establish standards for providing Furnishing Supervision to Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNPs) by Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) behavioral health physicians.

B. FORMS REQUIRED/ATTACHMENTS: N/A

C. DEFINITIONS:

Furnishing: The act of making a pharmaceutical agent or agents available to the client in strict accordance with a standardized procedure (CA Business & Professions Code, § 2836).

Furnishing Supervision/Supervisor: Supervisor for purposes of this policy is defined as supervision by a physician required for the furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices by a PMHNP (CA Business & Professions Code, § 2836). Furnishing Supervision includes the establishment of a supervisory relationship between a PMHNP and a specified physician that involves development of treatment procedures, consultation, and monitoring.

Standardized Procedures: Policies and protocols formulated by organized health care systems for the performance of standardized procedure functions (CCR, Title 16, Section 1471c). Standardized Procedures are the legal mechanism for PMHNPs to perform functions which otherwise would be considered the practice of medicine.

D. POLICY: Furnishing Supervision shall be provided to PMHNPs working at HHS and contracted-providers by HHS-authorized physicians to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations and HHS policies and procedures. The Furnishing Supervisor shall review the PMHNP's furnishing ability and attest that he/she appears to possess the requisite skills to safely furnish medications.

E. PROCEDURE

1. A supervising physician must be approved by the HHS Medical Director in order to function as a Furnishing Supervisor.
2. One specific primary Furnishing Supervisor and a back-up (secondary) Furnishing Supervisor shall be assigned to each PMHNP. A back-up Furnishing Supervisor must be designated in instances when the primary Furnishing Supervisor is not available due to work absence.

3. An HHSa physician may be designated as a Furnishing Supervisor for up to four (4) PMHNPs at any one time.
4. The Furnishing Supervisor, back-up Furnishing Supervisor, and PMHNP shall complete and sign the Physician/Nurse Practitioner Statement of Approval and Agreement required by the HHSa Standardized Procedures for PMHNPs (HHSa PP 5-11-019-B), which establishes the Furnishing Supervisor/Supervisee relationship. These signed forms will be kept on file and maintained by the HHSa Quality Management (QM) unit.
5. The Furnishing Supervisor or back-up Furnishing Supervisor must be available for consultation at the request of the PMHNP. The Furnishing Supervisor is not required to be present at the time of client assessment/examination, but must be available at all times during working hours for collaboration/consultation at least by telephone.
6. Furnishing Supervision shall be obtained under the following circumstances:
 - Emergent conditions requiring prompt medical intervention, once stabilizing care has been initiated
 - Acute conditions worsen or do not resolve as anticipated
 - Critical lab values or physical findings
 - Adverse medication reactions not relieved by standard treatment
 - Presentations consistent with catatonia
 - At the request of the client or another clinician
7. The Furnishing Supervisor will conduct an annual review of the PMHNP's performance. If the PMHNP is a contracted employee, the Furnishing Supervisor will give feedback to the contracting agency at least annually.
8. If a Furnishing Supervisor believes that a PMHNP's practices fall below an acceptable standard of care, he/she should immediately notify the HHSa Medical Director.
9. PMHNPs shall maintain and upgrade clinical skills as required to meet professional standards of the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and HHSa.

F. REFERENCES:

California Business & Professions Code, § 2725-2836

California Health & Safety Code, Chapter 2, Division 2, § 1250

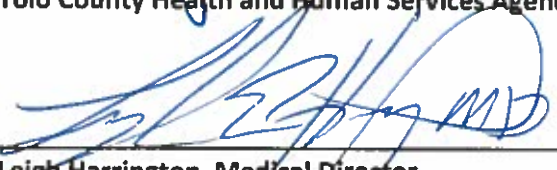
California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 14, Article 8, § 1485

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