

**SECTION - MEDICAL/NURSING SERVICES
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**SUBJECT: OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS/THERAPISTS, HOSPITAL AND CLINIC
FACILITIES**

I. PURPOSE

Describes the method of selecting outside consultants/therapists, hospital and clinic facilities, and their need at Coalinga State Hospital (CSH).

II. AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 71513.

III. POLICY

- A. CSH initiates and maintains a broad range of contracts for consultative and treatment services which supplement the clinical services provided by the regular staff of the hospital.
- B. Agreements/Contracts are formulated and administered in accordance with policies and procedures of the Department of Mental Health. They are subject to direct or delegated approval of the Executive Director and they are administratively coordinated by the Contract Manager.
- C. Outside contracts are required to conform to licensing, regulations and protect the confidentiality and integrity of the confidential medical information as required by state and federal law, professional ethics, and accreditation standards.

IV. METHOD

- A. Agreements: Annually renewable agreements are made with outside facilities for services that do not require a contract. Such agreements are initiated by the Chief Physician and Surgeon or the Medical Director and signed by the Executive Director.
- B. Medical Care: Contracts are made with acute care hospitals, which are geographically located near CSH, for medical/surgical consultants, laboratories and other providers of specialized diagnostic and treatment services.

- C. Annually renewable contracts are made on a competitive or sole provider basis. Such contracts are initiated by the Medical Director, and signed by the Executive Director.



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