

- (d) Emergency on-call physician and dentist services when the emergency health facility is not located in a nearby community
- (e) An inmate has the right to refuse routine medical, dental, psychological, or psychiatric treatment. (Revised August 2005)

J(f) A juvenile detainee has the right to refuse routine medical, dental, psychological, or psychiatric treatment. However, if a juvenile or his/her parents refuse treatment deemed necessary, those special needs shall be presented to the court for resolution. (Revised August 2005, July 2013)

Discussion:

Refusal of such routine treatment should be documented.

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SICK CALL

The facility shall have written policies approved by the responsible physician or medical authority which ensure adequate medical attention for those inmates requesting it. (Revised July 2013) (Revised January 2026)

Discussion:

~~Sick call is the procedure through which each sick inmate reports his/her illness and receives non-emergency medical services by a physician or a medically trained person working under the physician's standing orders and / or treatment protocols. (Amended to Definitions January 2026)~~

If a facility charges a co-pay for sick call or pharmacy, all charges shall be made in compliance with SC Code of Laws Section 24-13-80, specifically section (B)(2) which states, "The administrator or director, whichever is appropriate, may establish, by rules, criteria for a reasonable deduction from money credited to the account of an inmate to defray the costs paid by a municipality or county for medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate, if the deduction does not exceed five (5) dollars for each occurrence of treatment received by the inmate. If the balance in an inmate's account is less than ten (10) dollars, the fee must not be charged. However, a deficiency balance must be carried forward and, upon a deposit or credit being made to the inmate's account, any outstanding balance may be deducted from the account. This deficiency balance may be carried forward after release of the inmate and may be applied to the inmate's account in the event of subsequent arrests and incarcerations. This item does not apply to medical costs incurred as a result of injuries sustained by an inmate or other medically necessary treatment for which that inmate is determined not to be responsible. (Added January 2026)

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HEALTH APPRAISAL

The health appraisal data collection shall be completed within fourteen (14) days after admission and shall include: