

SAN MATEO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

DATE: July 12, 1995

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY NO.: 95-06

SUBJECT: Blood Withdrawal by Community Mental Health Nurses

AUTHORITY: Divisional

SUPERSEDES: New Policy

Community Mental Health Nurses may perform blood withdrawal on clients, as part of mental health care, on condition that the nurse has assured the unit chief and/or unit medical chief of his/her competency in the procedure. Competency may be assured by submission of 1 or 2, and A or B, below:

1. Documentation of previous blood withdrawing experience, or
  2. Demonstration of successful blood withdrawal,
- and
- A. Certificate of completion of a course on blood withdrawal, or
  - B. Documentation of completion of a course that included blood withdrawal as part of broader course content.

A copy of required documentation will be placed in the employee's personnel record.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Gale Bataille, Director  
Mental Health Services Division

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Celia Moreno, MD  
Mental Health Medical Director