



# KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS


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<b>POLICY AND PROCEDURES</b>					
SUBJECT: Sensitive Services			POLICY #: 3.20-P		
DEPARTMENT: Health Services – Utilization Management					
Effective Date: 2004-05	Review/Revised Date: 2/2/2017	DMHC		PAC	
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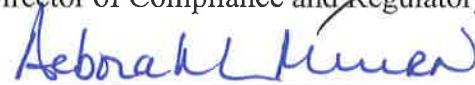
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### POLICY:

Kern Health Systems (KHS) will implement and maintain procedures to ensure confidentiality and ready access to sensitive services for all members, including minors. Members shall be able to access sensitive services in a timely manner and without barriers such as prior authorization requirements. Access to abortion services for minors is subject to applicable State and Federal law.

Sensitive services will be provided in accordance with the contractual requirements outlined in the following sources:

- 2004 DHCS Contract Sections A-5 (2) (F), A-8 (9) (10) (11), A-9 (4), (8) (A-D).

Sensitive services will be provided in accordance with the following *KHS Policies and Procedures*:

- ❖ #2.17 – Access – Treatment of a Minor
- ❖ #2.27 – Medical Records and Other Protected Health Information – Consent, Maintenance, and Security
- ❖ #2.28 – Medical Records and Other Protected Health Information – Privacy, Use, and Disclosure

- ❖ #3.17 – *STD Treatment*
- ❖ #3.18 – *Confidential HIV Testing*
- ❖ #3.21 – *Family Planning Services and Abortion*
- ❖ #3.24 – *Maternity Care*

**DEFINITIONS:**

<b>Sensitive Services<sup>1</sup></b>	<p>Those services related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sexual assault</li> <li>❖ Drug or alcohol abuse for children 12 years of age or older</li> <li>❖ High risk sexual behavior</li> <li>❖ Pregnancy</li> <li>❖ Family planning</li> <li>❖ Sexually transmitted diseases designated by the Director for children 12 years of age or older.</li> <li>❖ Sexually transmitted diseases for adults</li> <li>❖ Abortion</li> <li>❖ HIV testing</li> <li>❖ Outpatient mental health care for children 12 years of age or older who are mature enough to participate intelligently and where either (1) there is a danger of serious physical or mental harm to the minor or others or (2) the children are the alleged victims of incest or child abuse.</li> </ul>
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**REFERENCE:**

**Revision 2017-02:** Policy updated per MCAL policy Minor Consent program September 2016.

<sup>1</sup> Definition contains both elements of the contractual definition and services listed in 1996 DHS contract section 6.5.6.5. Exhibit E1 pg 14 (Minor consent services). DHS considers all of the listed services to be sensitive services. See DHS Medical Review YE Oct03. (Finding 3.1.5)