



Monterey County Behavioral Health Policy and Procedure

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1 Policy

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3 An ambulance should be used appropriately. Documentation is necessary to ensure the
4 ambulance companies are accurately reimbursed.

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8 1. An ambulance may be used for:

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10 A. Persons being transferred from the crisis unit of Natividad Medical Center on a W & IC 5150
11 evaluation and treatment when the application indicates behavior that is a risk, gravely
12 disabled, or dangerous to self and others.

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14 B. Consumers being transferred from a 24-hour acute psychiatric inpatient unit to another, on a
15 72-hour evaluation and treatment, or 14-day certification, or conservator ship legal status
16 who has exhibited AWOL (exiting the hospital setting without permission while on a
17 therapeutic hold) behaviors, dangerous behaviors to self and/or others, and may require
18 restraints.

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20 C. Consumers in a locked facility requiring transfer to a 24-hour acute Psychiatric inpatient
21 facility whose behaviors indicated an AWOL risk or dangerous to self or others.

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24 D. Consumers in an acute residential facility, (i.e., crisis group home), outpatient clinic,
25 necessitating transfer to a 24-hour acute psychiatric inpatient facility for evaluation and
26 treatment for reason of dangerous behaviors to self and/or others.

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E. Consumers being transferred from one facility to another facility for evaluation and/or treatment.

2. All instances requiring transfer needs a medical staff order indicating the following:

A. Ambulance transportation order;

B. What restraints are ordered;

C. Behaviors that justify the use of restraints; i.e. assaultive behavior.

3. The following company may be called when an ambulance is required:

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