



Monterey County Behavioral Health Policy and Procedure

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Policy

It is the policy of the Behavioral Health Division that psychiatric services be available onsite or by telephone call.

Procedure

1. Psychiatrists are on site or available for consult by telephone on all clinics served by the BHD during the regular hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In the absence of the treating psychiatrist other MCHD-BHD psychiatrists can be consulted.
2. The Natividad Medical Center Mental Health Unit Psychiatrist is available by referrals and physicians are onsite at the Crisis Services located at the emergency room of Natividad Medical Center during the times the Crisis Service is open 24 hours daily, seven (7) days a week.