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Title: Temporary Absence of Pharmacist		Functional Area: Personnel and Training
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**Policy:**

Pharmacists assigned to Youth Detention Facility (YDF) medical clinic are responsible for its daily operations if only one pharmacist is working and is temporarily absent because of breaks or meal periods. The pharmacy may remain open if properly staffed according the State regulations for pharmacies.

**Procedures:**

A. Temporary Absence of Pharmacist

1. During the pharmacist’s temporary absence (not to exceed 30 minutes), no prescriptions may be filled and dispensed directly from the pharmacy. In the event of a “STAT: dose, the nursing staff may fill an order from the clinic Nexsys Automatic Drug Cabinet per protocol.
2. During such times that the pharmacist is temporarily absent from the pharmacy, the ancillary staff may continue to perform the non-discretionary duties within their scope of practice as authorized to them by pharmacy law.
3. Any duty performed by a member of the ancillary staff shall be reviewed by a pharmacist upon his or her return to the pharmacy.
4. If two or more pharmacists are working, at least one pharmacist will remain on duty and the information contained in this policy is not applicable.

**References:**

Title 15, Article 8, Section 1438

NCCHC, Y-C-07

[https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws\\_regs/lawbook.pdf](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/lawbook.pdf)

**Attachments:**

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