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Title: <b>External Peer Review</b>		Functional Area: Personnel and Training
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**Policy:**

The on-site Lead Physician and the Program Manager will coordinate with the local Medical Society to schedule an independent external peer review by a Qualified Medical Practitioner at least annually. The review will focus on medical practice, assessing appropriateness of medical decision-making and overall quality of care using objective clinical criteria applied by an independent physician of similar training and experience.

**Procedures:**

- A. The on-site Lead Physician and Program Manager will coordinate with the Medical Society to arrange for a physician from the community who does not provide medical services in Sacramento Probation Juvenile Detention Facilities to perform an Independent Medical Peer Review of detention facilities health services at least annually.
  - 1. Focused review topics and objective clinical criteria maybe collaboratively identified and developed by the on-site Medical Director, Program Manager and the Independent Reviewer.
  - 2. The Independent Reviewer will select charts for the review, randomly.
  - 3. A written report of audit findings will be submitted to the Quality Management Committee which will outline a plan for corrective action to include a date for re-audit.
  - 4. Copies of Peer Review reports will be kept as part of the facility's Quality Management Program documentation.
  - 5. All deaths, significant complications, and other unexpected clinical events with potentially adverse clinical consequences are referred for peer review.

**References:**

Title 15, CCR, Article 8, Section 1403,  
 NCCHC, YC-02