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## STANDING ORDER

## ORDINARY MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DENTAL TREATMENT FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN TEMPORARY AND OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT

The Court finds that there is a need for children in out of home placement, supervised by the Juvenile Probation Department and the Department of Family and Children's Services, to receive ordinary medical, mental health, and dental treatment. Children and youth in out of home placement include those at the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall, James Ranch, the Muriel Wright Center, the Santa Clara County Children's Receiving Center, those in relative or non-related extended family member care, foster care, or in an emergency shelter home. Children and youth in out of home placement also include those in court-ordered placement. These children and youth would benefit from prompt provision of routine medical, mental health, and dental treatment to maintain and enhance their physical and mental health and well-being, and delay in treatment would be detrimental or even life-threatening.

## Based upon these findings, the Court hereby makes the following Standing Order:

- 1. The Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System and any other licensed health care facility or provider, including a hospital, clinic, physician, dentist or other licensed provider, are hereby authorized to provide the following services to these children:
  - (a) A comprehensive health assessment and physical examination.
  - (b) Limited, non-intrusive diagnostic tests that the physician determines are necessary for the evaluation of the minor's health status. Non-intrusive diagnostic tests include: limited blood tests, x-rays, CAT scans, etc.

A forensic psychological evaluation for use in court.

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- (g) Any treatment not set forth in Paragraph One above.
- 4. This order does not preclude or affect a medical provider's legal authority to provide treatment and care when there is an emergency, or treatment is authorized under minor's consent laws. (Health & Safety Code, § 1317; Welf. & Inst. Code, § 369, subd. (d); Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2397; and Fam. Code, § 6920 et seq.)
- 5. All mental health hospitalizations must occur in compliance with the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 319, and 5150 et seq.)
- 6. Only to the extent necessary to allow responsibility for payment to be determined and payment to be made for treatment rendered pursuant to this order, relevant information may be disclosed to any insurer, employer, health care service plan, hospital service plan, employee benefit plan, governmental authority administering governmental benefits, or any other person or entity responsible for paying for health care services rendered to the patient.
- 7. This order supersedes the Standing Order for Routine Medical and Dental Treatment for Children in Placement dated October 3, 2001, the Standing Order Re: Immunization of Wards at Juvenile Hall dated April 19, 1984, and the Standing Order for routine Medical and Dental treatment for Children in Placement dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

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Hon. Patrick Tondreau

Supervising Judge of the Superior Court

Juvenile Justice

Dated: <u>Nay 3</u>, 2013

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Hon. Shawna Schwarz

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