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<p>Legal References (includes but is not limited to)</p> <p>IC 11-8-2-5</p>	<p>Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to)</p> <p>01-02-101</p>	<p>Other References (includes but is not limited to)</p> <p>National Correctional Healthcare Standards</p>
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I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) prohibits most health-related work by youth.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. No youth may be permitted to perform health services duties except as follows:
1. Delivery and retrieval of food and associated supplies and equipment
  2. Janitorial services (laundry and sanitation)
  3. Delivery of supplies and equipment as long as the materials are not considered contraband/prohibited property under facility rules
- B. Youths providing services as described above must be supervised. Supervision, except as otherwise described by policy, procedure, or directive, will be provided by Youth Developmental Specialists.
- C. Youths who are performing authorized services may not be permitted to be present without direct supervision in areas where the following may be:
1. Medications
  2. Sharps
  3. Patient records
  4. Scheduling materials
  5. Personal possessions
  6. Other materials which may be dangerous contraband if obtained by the worker.

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- D. Workers assigned to activities that may include reasonably anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials shall receive training regarding bloodborne exposure equivalent to that provided to civilian employees and must be offered vaccines in accordance with OSHA standards and CDC guidelines such as tetanus, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. The Health Services vendor shall keep a running list of all youth workers. All youth assigned to a job shall have an initial screening for contraindications to a work program, based on risk factors and the youth's health condition prior to working. If a youth is at risk for coming into contact with biohazardous waste, they must be offered an exam yearly, as requested, and immediately post an exposure. The Health Services vendor shall offer behavioral health services for all youth workers that are exposed to biohazardous waste following an exposure or as needed. All reported injuries have the appropriate medical follow up.
- E. For safety and security reasons, youth workers shall not be permitted to remain in their positions over 180 days.

**III. APPLICABILITY:**

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities providing Health Services to youth.

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