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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 2@ Acute Psychiatric Hospital

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Article 3@ Basic Services

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Section 71203@ Medical Service General Requirements

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### **(a)**

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Written policies and procedures shall be developed and maintained by the person responsible for the service in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and administration. Policies shall be approved by the governing body. Procedures shall be approved by the administration and medical staff, where such is appropriate. Policies and procedures shall be consistent with Sections 1316 and 1316.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

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The responsibility and the accountability of the medical service to the medical staff and administration shall be defined.

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An appropriate committee of the medical service shall: (1) Identify and recommend to administration the equipment and supplies necessary for coping with emergency medical problems. (2) Develop a plan for handling and/or referral of patients with emergency medical problems. (3) Determine the circumstances under which electroconvulsive therapy may be administered. (4) Develop guidelines for the administration of drugs when given in unusually high

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Periodically, an appropriate committee of the medical staff shall evaluate the services provided and make appropriate recommendations to the executive committee of the medical staff and administration.