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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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Section 73403@ Special Disability Services-Restraint and Seclusion

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Restraint and seclusion shall only be used as emergency measures to protect the patient from injury to himself or others. Restraint and seclusion shall not be used as punishment or as a substitute for more effective medical and nursing care program. Restraints may be used for: (1) The protection of the patient during treatment and diagnostic procedures, as intravenous therapy, tube feeding and catheterization. (2) To prevent infirm patients from falling out of bed or chairs or otherwise injuring themselves. (3) To protect the aggressive, assaultive, acutely disturbed or severely confused patient from injuring himself or others.

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