

76327 Developmental Program Services-Restraints

(a)

Restraints shall only be used as measures to protect the client from injury to self or others and only upon a physician's or clinical psychologist's written or telephone order. Telephone orders shall be received only by authorized licensed personnel, shall be recorded immediately in the client's record and shall be signed by the prescriber within 48 hours. Restraint shall not be used as punishment, as a substitute for more effective programming or for the convenience of the staff.

(b)

Orders for physical restraints shall be in force for not longer than 12 hours.

(c)

Orders for treatment restraints shall be in force for not longer than seven days.

(d)

There shall be no PRN orders for physical or treatment restraints.

(e)

The client's record shall include a recording with justification and authorization of all periods of restraint.

(f)

Seclusion, which is defined as the placement of a client alone in a locked room shall not be employed.

(g)

A restraint shall not be confused with a postural support as defined in Section 76335.

(h)

No restraint with locking devices shall be used or be available for use.