POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Policy Title:	Chapter:
Chemical restraints	10

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SCOPE:

- Chapter 3800 – Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities

INTRODUCTION:

1. A chemical restraint is a drug used to control acute, episodic behavior that restricts the movement of function of a child. A drug ordered by a licensed physician as part of ongoing medical treatment, or as a pretreatment prior to a medical or dental examination or treatment, is not a chemical restraint.

2. Administration of a chemical restraint is prohibited except for the administration of drugs ordered by a licensed physician and administered by licensed/certified/registered medical personnel on an emergency basis.

3. If a chemical restraint is to be administered, the following apply:

    - Immediately prior to each incidence of administering a drug on an emergency basis, a licensed physician shall have examined the child and given a written order to administer the drug.

    - The child's vital signs shall be monitored at least once each hour and in accordance with the frequency and duration recommended and documented by the prescribing physician.

    - The physical needs of the child shall be met promptly.

4. A Pro Re Nata (PRN) order for controlling acute, episodic behavior is prohibited.

5. Documentation of compliance with the policies of this section shall be kept in the child's record.

DISCUSSION: