



New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families Policy Manual

2180 MEDICAL/CLINICAL RESPONSE TO PREA

Chapter: Sununu Youth Services Center

Section: Healthcare

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References Of Note

Federal Authority: [28 CFR Part 115](#)

Statutes: [RSA 169-B](#), [RSA 169-C](#), [RSA 354-A:7](#),
[RSA 621](#), [RSA 621-A](#), [RSA 629](#), [RSA 632-A](#),
[RSA 639:3](#), and [RSA 642:2](#)

Administrative Rules: [PER 1002](#)

Case Law:

PREA Standards: [382 \(a\)](#), [382 \(c\)](#), [382 \(d\)](#), [383 \(a\)](#),
[383 \(b\)](#), [383 \(c\)](#), [383 \(d\)](#), [383 \(e\)](#),
[383 \(f\)](#), and [383 \(g\)](#)

This policy establishes the SYSC's response to the health needs of sexual abuse victims and youth perpetrators according to the provisions of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA).

Required Practices

Any deviations to the following information must be documented with Supervisory Approval.

- I. Youth victims of sexual abuse shall:
 - A. Receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by the SYSC Medical Department and the youth's treatment team according to their professional judgment (115.382 (a));
 - B. Be offered timely information about, and timely access to, emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate as determined by the SYSC Medical Department (115.382 (c));
 - C. Be provided treatment and interventions in response to the incident without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident (115.382 (d) and 115.383 (g)); and
 - D. Be provided immediate support in receiving education if the youth is temporarily unable to return to the classroom setting.
- II. The SYSC shall offer medical and clinical evaluation and treatment to all youth who have been victimized by sexual abuse consistent with their community level of care (115.383 (a) and (c)). The evaluation and treatment of victims shall include, as appropriate:

- A. Tests for sexually transmitted infections as determined appropriate by the SYSC Medical Department (115.383 (f));
 - B. Mental health evaluation;
 - C. Follow-up services;
 - D. Treatment plans; and
 - E. When necessary, referrals for continued care following a youth's transfer to, or placement in, other facilities or release from custody (115.383 (b)).
- III. Youth victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while committed or detained at SYSC shall be offered pregnancy tests by the SYSC Medical Department (115.383 (d)).
- A. If pregnancy results from a sexual assault, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about, and timely access to, all lawful pregnancy-related medical services coordinated by the SYSC Medical Department (115.383 (e)).
- IV. All known youth-on-youth abusers shall have a mental health evaluation within 60 days of the SYSC Clinical Department learning of the abuse history.
- A. Youth-on-youth abusers shall be offered treatment as deemed appropriate by the youth's treatment team (115.383 (h)).
- V. In keeping with PREA standards, services shall include educational programs being made available to both victims and abusers through the nursing staff, clinicians, and Youth Counselors on the importance of preventative medicine in developing sound personal health care. Programs shall include regular distribution of instructional health materials and educational programming in:
- A. Personal hygiene (bathing, eating, change of clothing, hand-washing, exercise, rest);
 - B. Self-care for chronic illness;
 - C. Effects of smoking and drug and alcohol abuse;
 - D. Communicable disease control (e.g., TB, Hepatitis, STDs, HIV);
 - E. Sexual education and hygiene; and
 - F. Information about services and facilities available for specific health care problems.
- VI. Obstetrical and gynecological family planning and health education services shall be provided to female youth as part of a treatment plan, as needed.

Standard Operating Procedures

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| 2180.1 | Individualized Treatment Plan Procedures | SYSC |

Glossary and Document Specific Definitions

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