

MEDICAL SCREENING PROTOCOLS

PRESENTING TO ER

The Emergency Departments will follow federal laws as outlined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) regarding medical screening in Emergency Departments.

Documentation of the medical clearance exam will accompany the patient to the Community Crisis Center.

PRESENTING TO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER

When any
the person

THIS EXHIBIT CONTAINS OVER 10 PAGES.

t is necessary,

**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT
Pa THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE CENTER AT 406-444-2957**

traumatic event

Patient is unwilling to cooperate with the CCC examination

Patient less than 18 years old

Patient is showing abrupt change in behavior or cognition for which there is no explanation

Patient is pale, sweaty, dizzy or showing signs of shock

Patient has chest pain

Patient has abdominal pain

Patient is experiencing severe exacerbation of chronic pain

Patient is experiencing moderate to severe pain greater than a 5 on pain scale 1-10

Patient is experiencing shortness of breath and symptoms of respiratory distress

Abnormal vital signs (vitals to be taken every ____ minutes when there is concern):

BP: Systolic greater than 180/Diastolic greater than 110 and symptomatic

BP: Systolic less than 90

Pulse: Less than 60 or greater than 110 bpm

Temp: Less than 96 or greater than 100.5* F

Respiratory rate greater than 22-24 breathes per minute or less than 10 with SOB

SpO2 less than 90%

Large amount of wound drainage

Blood Alcohol over 400

Signs of drug overdose or drug withdrawal syndrome

Dehydration or malnutrition

Acute infectious disease or fever

Seizure activity within last 24 hours

Loss of consciousness within last 24 hours

Vomiting more than 3 times, diarrhea, or incontinence

Unstable diabetes: bg less than 70 or greater than 300 mg%

Unable to walk

Uncontrolled bleeding

Other apparent physical distress or physical frailty sufficient to arouse concern that the person may be unsafe to treat in an outpatient facility

DOCUMENTATION OF MEDICAL FINDINGS MUST ACCOMPANY PATIENT TO THE ER