



**MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**SUSPENDING OR DISCONTINUING
TRANSITIONAL CARE UNIT SERVICES**

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- I. PURPOSE:** To define the process for suspending or discontinuing T.C.U. services within the continuum of Montana State Hospital Services.
- II. POLICY:**
- A. Access to treatment and rehabilitative service settings on the campus of the Montana State Hospital is through the written order of an attending physician.
 - B. Patients served by the Montana State Hospital will not have services suspended or discontinued due to a rule violation. However, an attending physician, with consultation with members of the treatment team, may change the course or the treatment and treatment setting to best serve patient needs.
 - C. Rule violations of a patient in the T.C.U. care setting will trigger an evaluation of appropriateness of care setting for that patient.
- III. DEFINITIONS:** None
- IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- A. Attending Physician: Determines and writes orders to the care setting best able to serve a patient's needs.
- V. PROCEDURES:**
- A. The T.C.U. staff will notify the attending physician of rule violations.
 - B. The attending physician will determine the current needs of the patient and the appropriateness of the T.C.U. setting.
 - C. If the physician determines another service setting is better able to address the patient's needs, the physician will meet with the patient to discuss:
 - 1. the reason for the change in care setting,
 - 2. the conditions that must be met to return to the T.C.U. setting,
 - 3. and what care setting services, if any, will continue to be provided.

