5-09/000.00 - Emergency Aid Plan

The county is required to pay for reasonable necessary emergency medical care provided by a county contract hospital, to persons in the custody of law enforcement officers if such persons:

- Are under arrest;
- Have not yet been booked; and
- Are committed to a county jail following such care.

When a prisoner receives medical care at a contract hospital, an "In-Custody Medical Treatment Form" (Department of Health Services Form #76l472) shall be completed and signed by the handling deputy. If the inmate has been released, the handling deputy shall include the disposition, i.e., “Inmate Released - Cite # 1234567 issued,” which will inform the hospital that the individual is no longer in our custody. The hospital should have this form available.

An in-custody medical treatment form shall also be utilized for medical services provided in the gathering of evidence for the purpose of prosecution, e.g., blood alcohol withdrawal and sexual abuse evidence collection.