

SECTION 15. Section 75-03-17-06 is amended as follows:

75-03-17-06. Special treatment procedures. A facility shall have written policies and procedures on regarding implementation of special treatment procedures. Special treatment procedures must be therapeutic and meaningful interventions and may not be used for punishment, for the convenience of staff, or as substitute for therapeutic programming. The facility shall provide education to the children, providing instructions each child the opportunity to express the child's opinion and educating the child on alternative behaviors that would have allowed the staff behavior choices to avoid the use of special treatment procedures. Physicians Alternatives to behaviors must be documented in each child's individual person-centered treatment plan. The health, safety, and well-being of children receiving care and treatment in the facility must be properly safeguarded. A physician shall review the use of special treatment procedures.

1. Timeout. Use Staff shall supervise the use of timeout procedures must be supervised by staff at all times and appropriate entries must be documented shall document the use of timeout procedures in the child's file. The use of the resident's bedroom for timeout is prohibited when a child demonstrates an imminent risk of harm to self or others.