

## COUNTY OF ORANGE SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

### ADULT SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

**Subject:** Paramedical Services and Nursing Assessment      **Number:** SH 40.3.5  
**Approved:** Signature on File      **Date:** 12-01-2006

#### **POLICY**

- A. The [Request for Order and Consent – Paramedical Services \(SOC 321\)](#)(Attachment A) must be completed and signed by a licensed health care professional.
- B. The recipient’s eligibility for paramedical services is based on the IHSS Social Worker’s assessment of the recipient’s need and confirmed by an order from a licensed health care professional selected by the recipient.
- C. IHSS staff may not, under any circumstances, authorize paramedical services prior to receiving a current and valid signed SOC 321 from a licensed health care professional. However, the cost of paramedical services received may be reimbursed retroactively provided that they are consistent with the subsequent authorization and were received on or after the date of application for the paramedical services.
- D. The SOC 321 must be updated in accordance with time frames, if any, specified by the licensed health care professional. In the absence of a specified time frame the SOC 321 must be renewed annually. The specification “Permanent Condition” or its equivalent on the SOC 321 may, at the Social Worker’s discretion, be construed to mean that annual updates of the SOC 321 are not required as long as the recipient’s need for paramedical services does not change.
- E. To maximize the efficiency of IHSS Nurse’s time, requests for nursing assistance should be submitted to the Supervisor of the Staff Nurse.
- F. Home Health Agency services should be sought as an alternative for activities that require medical supervision but are not appropriate for IHSS.