**R525. Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.**

**R525-8. Forensic Mental Health Facility.**

**R525-8-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is adopted under the authority of Subsection 26B-1-202(1), which grants the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to adopt rules that may be considered necessary for providing health and human services to the people of Utah.

(2) This rule explains the criteria for admission to beds for the forensic mental health facility at the Utah State Hospital (USH).

**R525-8-2. Forensic Bed Admissions.**

People are identified for admission to the forensic mental health facility based on current psychiatric need, legal status, and the date of their court order into the Department of Health and Human Services custody. Highest priority shall be given to those cases which are specifically required to be admitted to the USH by Utah law.

**R525-8-3. No Admission Because of Capacity.**

When capacity in the forensic mental health facility has been met, the USH may not admit any persons to the forensic mental health facility until a bed becomes available. In such an event, the USH will work cooperatively with the court to find a resolution.

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