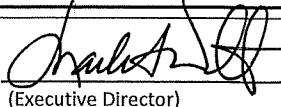


Policy & Procedure

ACCMHS

Allegan County Community Mental Health Services
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POLICY/PROCEDURE TITLE: Access to Entertainment, Materials, Information & News POLICY/PROCEDURE #: 1307 Section: Recipient Rights Developed and maintained by: Recipient Rights Officer Scope: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCMHS Staff <input type="checkbox"/> MH/IDD, <input type="checkbox"/> Housing, <input type="checkbox"/> SUD, <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCMHS Contract Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Approved By:  (Executive Director)					
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PURPOSE

To define procedures to assure consumers have access to written and televised materials.

APPLICATION

All Allegan County Community Mental Health Services (ACCMHS) staff and contract agency staff as specified by contract.

POLICY

It is the policy of ACCMHS to assure consumers in a residential or day program setting are not prevented from obtaining, at his/her own expense, or from reading, written or printed material, or from viewing or listening to television, radio, recordings, or movies available at the program site for reason of, or similar to, censorship.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Any restrictions or limitations of the consumer's rights because of a behavior (restrictions, limitations or intrusive behavior treatment techniques) shall be reviewed and approved by a formally construed committee of mental health professionals with specific knowledge, training, and expertise in applied behavioral analysis.
- B. Any restriction or limitation shall be justified, time-limited, and clearly documented in the plan of service. Documentation shall be included that describes attempts that have been made to avoid such restrictions as well as what actions will be taken as part of the plan to ameliorate or eliminate the need for the restriction in the future.
- C. A provider may limit access to entertainment materials, information, or news only if such a limitation is specifically approved in the consumer's individualized plan of service. A provider shall document each instance when a limitation is imposed in the consumer's record.
- D. Restrictions or limitations will be removed when no they are no longer clinically justified to achieve program objectives which justified their application.
- E. Residential placements will post any specific restrictions, including viewing and listening times, in a conspicuous place for all consumers to see.
- F. Material and devices beyond those made available by the program shall be acquired at the consumer's expense. A daily newspaper will be furnished if requested by the consumer.

- G. Minors may not have access over the objection of parent/guardian or if against state law. However, the person responsible for implementing the individual plan of service may attempt to persuade a parent or guardian of a minor to withdraw an objection to material desired by the minor.
- H. Any consumer who wishes to appeal a denial of their right of access of entertainment, information, and news materials may do so by contacting the Recipient Rights Officer.

REFERENCE

Michigan Mental Health Code
Administrative Rules Part 7