

Policy and Procedure Manual Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority		
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish boundaries for the responsibilities for Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority as it relates to sterilization, abortion, and contraception.

Policy:

It is the policy of SCCMHA not to provide any direct services relating to sterilization, abortion, or contraception, but not to discriminate against any person served, their guardian, parent of a minor, or loco parentis for any decision made regarding sterilization, abortion, or contraception.

Application:

This policy applies to all SCCMHA direct operated programs as well as all SCCMHA Service Provider Network programs.

Standards:

- 1) The Support Staff responsible for the person served written plan of service shall provide notice to the person served, their guardian, parent of a minor or loco parentis of the availability of family planning and health information.
- 2) The Support Staff responsible for the person served written plan of service shall provide referral assistance to providers of family planning and health information services upon request of the person served, their guardian, parent of a minor, loco parentis.

- 3) Notice shall be given to the person served, their guardian, parent of a minor or loco parentis, indicating that the receipt of mental health services, release, or discharge, is in no way dependent upon the request or decision to act on the family planning information.
- 4) Neither SCCMHA staff members nor members of the SCCMHA Service Provider Network shall make recommendations regarding sterilization or abortion.

Definitions:

Loco Parentis: A person or institution that assumes parental rights and duties for a minor.

Assigned Support Staff: Case Manager, Support Coordinator, or Therapist assigned to work with a SCCMHA person served. The Case Manager, Support Coordinator, or Therapist may be a SCCMHA staff person or a member of the SCCMHA Service Provider Network.

References:

Michigan Mental Health Code 330.1752
Administrative Rule 330.7029

Exhibits:

None

Procedure:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1) While SCCMHA does not provide direct services related to sterilization, abortion, or contraception, a person served, their guardian, parent of a minor or loco parentis may request information regarding these subjects.	1) Support Staff
2) Upon request from a person served, their guardian, parent of a minor or loco parentis, SCCMHA staff or staff of the SCCMHA Service Provider Network may provide information on family planning and health.	2) Support Staff
3) The person served, their guardian, parent of a minor or loco parentis will be directed to the appropriate county or private agency available to provide more information.	3) Support Staff