



HURON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
**PROCEDURE**

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**Title: Recipient Rights – Sterilization, Abortion, and Contraception Procedure**

Prepared By: Recipient Rights Officer

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**Purpose:**

To define the policy, practices, and philosophies of Huron Behavioral Health regarding sterilization, abortion, and the use of contraceptives for it's' consumers.

**Scope:**

This procedure applies to all employees (including full-time employees, part-time employees, contractual providers, volunteers, students, and/or interns, of Huron Behavioral Health (HBH) programs, both direct and contracted.

**Information:**

It is the policy of Huron Behavioral Health:

- Not to force any consumer to be reproductively sterilized, to use contraceptives, or to seek an abortion
- Not to deprive any consumer of their right to be reproductively sterilized, use contraceptives or seek an abortion, if they so desire
- Not to use reproductive sterilization, contraception or abortion as a prior condition for advancement, or discharge from a program
- To provide to consumers, their guardians, and parents of minor consumers, a notice of the availability of family planning and health information services in the community by referring them to their family physician or to appropriate community resources
- To provide (upon request) information and educational services or provide referral services to the family physician. Notice shall include a statement that receiving mental health services does not depend in any way on requesting or not requesting family planning services or health information

**Complaint Process:**

A consumer or another individual on behalf of a consumer has the right to file a complaint for a decision regarding sterilization, contraception or abortion. Complaints may be filed with HBH Recipient Rights Office.

**Definitions/Acronyms:**

*HBH* – Huron Behavioral Health

**Forms:**

N/A

**Records:**

Records of referrals, information, or discussions regarding sterilization, abortion, or contraceptives are documented in the consumer's case record and retained in accordance with the [HBH Record Retention Policy \(QI.1.23\)](#).

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**Reference(s) and/or Legal Authority**

Mental Health Code 330.1752

Administrative Rule 330.7029

[QI.1.23 HBH Record Retention and Storage Policy](#)

**Change History:**

<b>Change Letter</b>	<b>Date of Change(s)</b>	<b>Changes</b>
A	05/26/03	Documentation brought into the new procedure format and numbered for tracking, minimal changes made to content and added complaint process
B	03/01/06	Under "Complaint Process" removed "regarding information", changed "DCH Rule" to "Administrative Rule" and added "QI.1.23" in "Reference" section
C	02/02/12	Reviewed by the HBH Recipient Rights Advisory Committee on 1/23/12 w/ no content changes recommended.
D	05/15/13	Reviewed by HBH Recipient Rights Advisory Council – no content changes made
E	04/28/15	Reviewed by HBH Recipient Rights Advisory Council – no content changes made
F	02/07/17	Reviewed by the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee – no content changes made.