Purpose:
To define the policy, practices, and philosophies of Huron Behavioral Health regarding sterilization, abortion, and the use of contraceptives for its’ consumers.

Scope:
This procedure applies to all employees (including full-time and part-time employees), contract 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 to:
- Not force any consumer to be reproductively sterilized, to use contraceptives, or to seek an abortion;
- Not deprive any consumer of their right to be reproductively sterilized, use contraceptives, or seek an abortion, if they so desire;
- Not use reproductive sterilization, contraception, or abortion as a prior condition for advancement, or discharge from a program;
- 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;
- 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).
Title: Recipient Rights – Sterilization, Abortion, and Contraception

Reference(s) and/or Legal Authority

Mental Health Code 330.1752
Administrative Rule 330.7029
QI.1.23 HBH Record Retention and Storage Policy

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