



HURON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PROCEDURE

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

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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 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;
- If desired, assist consumers with intellectual and developmental disabilities to receive support and education regarding sexuality and relationships that have been tailored to their assessed needs, capacity, and learning style, including sexual health and development, family planning, and prevention of STDs, HIV/AIDS and sexual abuse and exploitation including giving and receiving sexual consent;
- 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:

AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

HBH – Huron Behavioral Health

HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus

STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease

Forms:

N/A

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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 \(QI.1.23\)](#).

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:

Change Letter	Date of Change(s)	Changes
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.
G	08/07/18	Reviewed by Recipient Rights Advisory Committee – No content changes.
H	05/19/20	Reviewed by Recipient Rights Advisory Committee – No content changes.
I	04/06/21	Added 5 th bullet in "Information" section, in "Acronyms" section added "AIDS", "HIV", & "STD".