



HURON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
**PROCEDURE**

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**Title: Recipient Rights – Right to Access Entertainment Material, Information, and News Procedure**

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**Purpose:**

To define the policy and practices regarding a consumer's right to access entertainment materials, information, and news.

**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, and all consumers living in residential homes.

**Information:**

- It is the policy of Huron Behavioral Health that consumers of mental health services are entitled to receive, possess, and use entertainment materials, information, and news except in certain circumstances and conditions as defined in this policy.
- Residents shall not be prevented from obtaining, reading, viewing, or listening to material at his/her own expense for reasons of, or similar to, censorship.

**Procedure:**

1. Residential settings shall specify specific restrictions on a living unit for the therapeutic benefit of the residents as a group, and specific restrictions must be noted in the consumer's Individual Plan of Service (IPOS).
2. Restrictions to access of material for reading, listening to, or viewing must be specified in the consumer's IPOS using a person-centered planning process and approved by the team. Material not prohibited by law may be read or viewed by a minor unless there is an objection by the minor's parent or guardian who has legal custody of the minor. The primary worker may attempt to persuade the parent/guardian of a minor to withdraw their objections to materials desired by the minor.
3. Any and all limitations and restrictions must be documented in the consumer's IPOS and must include the justification of the limitation. (See also [Person-Centered Planning Policy QI.1.05](#) and ["Person-Centered Planning Process and Individual Plan of Service \(IPOS\) Procedure QI.2.18"](#)).
4. Any limitation shall be removed when the circumstances are no longer clinically justified.
5. Treatment teams working with residential consumers will provide assistance to the consumer to access a daily newspaper, if the consumer desires.
6. Any personal property in possession of the program or residential facility at the time the consumer to whom the property belongs to is discharged, shall be returned to the consumer upon discharge.
7. A consumer or another individual on behalf of a consumer has the right to file a complaint/appeal regarding denials or limitations of their right to access entertainment material, information, and news, or the time-frames placed upon a limitation and to remedy a wrongful denial. Complaints may be filed with HBH Recipient Rights Office (see [RR.2.02 Recipient Rights - Complaint and Appeal Process for Investigative Findings Procedure](#)).

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**Definitions/Acronyms:**

Definitions:

*Right to Access* - means the right to purchase, possess and use personal property, entertainment materials, including printed materials, television, radio, recordings and/or movies.

*Limitation* – means individual rules governing the specific limitations of a consumer’s right to access entertainment materials, information and news.

*Resident* – means a person with a mental illness or intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) who is living in a residential setting.

*Restrictions* – means laws, rules, and policies governing specific restrictions of access to entertainment material, information, and news of a resident or group of residents

Acronyms:

*HBH* – Huron Behavioral Health

*I/DD* – Intellectual/Developmental Disability

*IPOS* – Individual Plan of Service

**Forms:**

N/A

**Records:**

N/A

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

Administrative Rule 330.7139

Michigan Mental Health Code 330.1752 (*Policies and Procedures*)

[QI.1.05 Person-Centered Planning Policy](#)

[QI.2.18 Person-Centered Planning Process and Individual Plan of Service \(IPOS\) Procedure](#)

[RR.2.02 Recipient Rights – Complaint and Appeal Process for Investigative Findings Procedure](#)

**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. Complaint Process added, updated references.
B	03/01/06	Reworded second bullet in "Information" section for clarity, in "Procedure" section #3 added "and each occurrence must be documented....", revised wording in #4 for clarity, changed format from alphabetical to numerical, added references to PCP Policy (QI.1.05) and PCP Procedure (QI.2.18), added hyperlinks.
C	04/25/11	Reviewed by the HBH Recipient Rights Advisory Committee on 04/18/11 with NO content changes.
D	01/23/12	Reviewed by the HBH Recipient Rights Advisory Committee on 01/23/12 with NO content changes.
E	05/15/13	Annual review conducted – no content changes made
F	01/13/15	Reviewed by the HBH Recipient Rights Advisory Committee w/ no content changes.
G	07/27/16	Reviewed by Recipient Rights Advisory Committee – in #7 changed "primary therapist" to "primary worker", in "Definitions" section under "Resident" changed "developmental disability" to "intellectual/developmental disability", no other content changes made.
H	08/07/18	Reviewed by Recipient Rights Committee – in "Procedure" section #1 changed "in the posted house rules or for the therapeutic benefit of the residents as a group" to "in the individual's plan of service", in #7 removed sentence "The case manager or primary worker may attempt to persuade a parent or guardian of a minor to withdraw their objections to material desired by the minor.", made several minor wording/grammatical changes/corrections throughout document without changing sentence content.
I	11/30/18	In "Procedure" section #2 added last sentence to comply with Plan of Correction from October 2018 RR System Assessment.
J	08/31/20	Changed "Person Centered Plan/PCP" to "Individual Plan of Service/IPOS" (3 places, made several minor wording/grammatical changes/corrections throughout procedure without changing sentence content
K	07/24/22	Made several minor wording/grammatical changes/corrections throughout procedure without changing sentence content.
L	04/20/24	In "Complaint Process" section added "/appeal" and "and to remedy a wrongful denial".
M	01/16/26	In "Procedure" section #2 added "Material not prohibited by law may be read or viewed by a minor unless there is an

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