

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINTON-EATON-INGHAM SUBJECT: Freedom of Movement SCOPE: CMHA Network and Providers	POLICY: <u>3.6.20</u>	Reviewed		
	Page: <u>1</u> of <u>2</u>	03/16/04		
	ISSUED BY: Director, Recipient Rights, Quality, and Customer Service	06/10/05		
APPROVED BY: Board of Directors				
	Effective 4/12/84		Revised 06/22/05	

I. Purpose:

To establish guidelines to ensure the freedom of movement of recipients in residential treatment settings.

II. Policy:

- A. A recipient's freedom of movement shall not be restricted more than is necessary to
 1. Provide mental health services to him or her.
 2. Prevent injury to him, her, or others.
 3. Prevent substantial property damage.
- B. Mental health services shall be provided in the least restrictive setting that is appropriate and available.
- C. A recipient shall not be transferred to a more restrictive setting unless evidence exists that the recipient presents a substantial danger to himself, herself, or others, or to prevent substantial property damage.
- D. Transfer between programs, which do not affect the level of service provided, may be made for administrative purposes, if the transfer would not be detrimental to the recipient.
- E. The freedom of movement of a resident of a center, facility, or hospital shall not be restricted more than is necessary to provide mental health services to the resident, to prevent injury to the resident or others, or to prevent substantial property damage.
- F. Residents shall have access to residential areas suited for vocational, social, and recreational activities.
- G. Security precautions appropriate to the condition and circumstances of an individual admitted by order of a criminal court or transferred as a sentence-serving convict from a penal institution may be taken.

III. Responsibilities:

- A. The Director of Quality Customer Service and Recipient Rights is responsible for ensuring that procedures to implement the intent of this policy are developed, reviewed, and revised as necessary.
- B. Residential service providers are responsible for establishing, posting, and enforcing house rules which restrict the freedom of movement for all residents for reasons of health, safety, privacy, etc.
- C. The staff person in charge of the written plan of service shall ensure the development and implementation of treatment plans involving limitations to a resident's right to freedom of movement.
- D. Staff are responsible for implementing house rules and treatment plans.

IV. Monitoring and Review:

This policy is reviewed by the Director of Quality Customer Service and Recipient Rights. It is monitored internally by the Recipient Rights Office and the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee. It is monitored externally by the Department of Community Health.