



CMHA-CEI Policies and Procedure Manual

Title:	3.6.21, Access to Entertainment Materials, Information, and News		
Subject:	Recipient Rights		
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I. Purpose:

To establish processes for ensuring the right to access entertainment materials, information, and news for recipients of mental health services in residential settings.

II. Procedures:

- A. The residential provider shall establish written policies and procedures that provide for all of the following:
 - 1. Any general program restrictions on access to material for reading, listening, or viewing.
 - 2. Determining a resident’s interest in, and provide for, a daily newspaper.
 - 3. Permit attempts by the staff person in charge of the plan of service to persuade a parent or guardian of a minor to withdraw objections to material desired by the minor.
 - 4. A mechanism for residents to appeal denial of their right to entertainment materials, information and news, and to remedy a wrongful denial.
 - 5. Any specific restrictions on a living unit or for the therapeutic benefit of the residents as a group.
- B. The residential provider may limit access to entertainment materials, information, or news only if such a limitation is specifically approved in the resident’s individualized plan of service.
- C. The clinician responsible for the written plan of service shall ensure that any limitation to a recipient’s right to access entertainment materials, information, or news, when clinically appropriate, is justified and documented in the plan of service.
- D. The responsible clinician shall ensure that the limitation is removed from the treatment plan when it is no longer clinically justified.
- E. The residential provider, or staff, shall document each instance when a limitation is imposed, in the resident’s record.
- F. The residential provider, or staff, shall not limit access to entertainment materials, information, or news when such limitations can no longer be clinically justified.
- G. Staff shall implement house rules and treatment plans.

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- H. Staff shall not prevent a resident from reading written or printed material, or from viewing or listening to television, radio, recordings, or movies made available at the residence for reasons of, or similar to, censorship.
- I. Residential providers of minor recipients shall allow a minor to read or view material not prohibited by law, unless there is an objection by the minor's parent or guardian who has legal custody of the minor.

III. Definitions:

- A. Censorship: the power to delete or suppress the contents of written or printed matter.
- B. Center: a facility operated by the Department of Community Health to admit individuals with developmental disabilities and provide habilitation and treatment services.
- C. Facility: a residential facility for the care or treatment of individuals with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or developmental disability that is either a state facility or a licensed facility.
- D. Hospital or psychiatric hospital: an inpatient program operated by the Department of Community Health for the treatment of individuals with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance or a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric unit licensed under the regulations of the state of Michigan.
- E. Licensed facility: a facility licensed by the Department of Community Health under the regulations of the state of Michigan, or an adult foster care facility.
- F. Resident: an individual who receives services in a facility.

IV. Monitor and Review:

This procedure is reviewed annually by the Director of Quality, Customer Service, and Recipient Rights. This procedure is monitored by accrediting bodies and regulatory agencies as applicable.

V. References:

- A. PA 258 of 1974, "Michigan's Mental Health Code", as amended 330.1752--Policies and procedures
- B. Administrative Rules R 330.7139--Resident's right to entertainment materials, information, and news.
- C. CMHA-CEI Policy 3.6.2, "Rights of Recipients Including Consumers in Community Residences"

VI. Related Policies and Procedures:

CMHA-CEI Policy 3.6.21

VII. Review Log:

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VIII. Attachments:

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