

**SHIAWASSEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

Section: Recipient Rights  
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Subject: **Rights of Minors to Treatment**

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**Policy**

It is the policy of Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) that a minor fourteen (14) years of age or older, may request and receive outpatient mental health services from the agency and a mental health professional may provide services on an out-patient basis excluding pregnancy termination, referral services, and the use of chemotherapy without the consent or knowledge of the minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis.

**Purpose**

To establish the conditions under which services may be provided to minors without parental consent or knowledge.

To ensure compliance with the Michigan Mental Health Code and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Rules.

**Application**

This policy applies to all staff.

**Standards**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this policy the minor's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis will not be informed of the services without the consent of the minor unless the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee determines that there is a compelling need for disclosure based on a substantial probability of harm to the minor or to other persons and the minor is notified of the treating professional's intent to inform.
2. Upon determination of harm the CEO or his/her designee will comply with Duty to Warn policy.
3. The minor will be notified of the agency's intent to inform the minor's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis.

4. Outpatient services provided to a minor will, to the extent possible, promote the minor's relationship with the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis.
5. Outpatient services provided to a minor will be limited to not more than twelve (12) sessions or four (4) months per request for services. After the twelfth (12th) session or fourth (4th) month of services the mental health professional terminates the services or with consent of the minor, notifies the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis to obtain consent to provide further out-patient services.
6. The minor's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis will not be liable for the cost of services which are incurred by a minor under this policy.
7. The agency will report suspected child abuse or neglect according to the Reporting Abuse policy.

**Reference**


Public Act of 1984  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Rule 330.1707,  
Rights of Minor  
Mental Health Code, Chapter 7 Section 707

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