

# SHIAWASSEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Section: Recipient Rights  
Policy Number: 12  
Subject: **Sterilization, Abortion, and  
Contraception**

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### **Policy**

It is the policy of Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) that access to and provision of mental health services is independent of and separate from the personal domain of choices affecting procreation. It also is the policy that strict adherence to federal and state laws concerning sterilization, abortion, and contraception will be followed when any such law or laws have applicability in regard to the manner in which mental health services must be delivered.

### **Purpose**

To ensure the protection of rights of recipients of SCCMHA.

To ensure compliance with the Michigan Department of Community Health Administrative Rules.

### **Application**

This policy applies to all employees, independent contractors, and contract agencies of the SCCMHA.

### **Definitions**

Abortion: Termination of pregnancy before the stage of viability, induced or performed purposely, as by a surgeon.

Contraception: The prevention of conception by chemical or mechanical means, not including surgical sterilization.

Sterilization: Surgical removal of testes or ovaries, or inactivation by radiation, or by tying off or removing a portion or portions of the reproductive ducts.

