

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, or twelve (12) 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 Department of Community Health 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.

