SHIAWASSEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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Policy

It is the policy of the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) that investigational medications not be prescribed by agency physicians.

Purpose

To establish guidelines for the use of experimental/investigational medications in all programs operated by and under contract with the SCCMHA.

To provide for compliance with standards of accrediting bodies.

To assure accountability for the quality of health care services provided for persons whose treatment includes medication for control of illness.

Application

This policy applies to medical personnel and any staff involved in the treatment of consumers who are prescribed investigational medications by a physician employed by or under contract with the SCCMHA.

Standards

If an agency physician wishes to prescribe an investigational medication a written proposal to do so must be submitted to and approved by the Nurse Service Committee. At the time such a proposal is submitted, the Nurse Service Committee will contact a facility known to use this investigational medication to elicit current criteria for use and monitoring.

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