

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness

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Recipient Rights	RR		121
Subject Title Freedom of Movement (Residential)	Adopted 04/24/00	Last Revised 6/26/17	Reviewed 8/24/05; 4/24/06; 12/27/07; 12/21/09; 11/22/10; 1/23/12; 1/28/13; 3/24/14; 3/18/15; 3/16/16; 3/15/17; 6/26/17; 7/24/17; 3/14/18

POLICY

Application

This policy shall apply to The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness and all services operated by or under contract with it.

1.0. Purpose:

To establish guidelines to ensure the freedom of movement of recipients in residential treatment settings.

2.0. Policy

- A. Mental Health Services shall be in the least restrictive setting that is appropriate and available.
- B. A recipient shall not be transferred to a more restrictive setting unless evidence exists that the recipient presents a substantial danger to himself, herself, or others, or to prevent substantial property damage.
- C. Transfer between residential programs, which do not affect the level of service provided, may be made for administrative purposes, if the transfer would not be detrimental to the recipient.
- D. Any limitations must be justified in the plan of service and time-limited; any restriction on freedom of movement of a recipient must be removed when the circumstances that justified its adoption cease to exist.
- E. Recipients may appeal restrictions on movement or denial of leave requests to the Office of Recipient Rights.
- F. Recipients shall have access to residential areas suited for vocational, social, and recreational activities.
- G. Security precautions appropriate to the condition and circumstances of an individual admitted by order of a criminal court or transferred as a sentence-serving convict from a penal institution may be taken.

3.0. Responsibilities

- A. The Recipient Rights Office is responsible for ensuring that procedures to implement the intent of this policy are developed, reviewed, and revised as necessary.

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- B. Residential service providers are responsible for establishing, posting, and enforcing house rules which restrict the freedom of movement for all recipients for reasons of health, safety, privacy, etc. Such house rules will be reviewed and approved by the Office of Recipient Rights.
- C. The staff person in charge of the written plan of service shall ensure the development, approval, special consent and implementation of treatment plans involving limitations to a recipient’s right to freedom of movement when necessary for reasons of health and safety in accordance with applicable behavior treatment standards and requirements.
- D. Staff are responsible for implementing house rules and treatment plans.

4.0. Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed by the Recipient Rights Office. It is reviewed and monitored internally by the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee and The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness Board. It is monitored externally by the Department of Community Health.

5.0. References

Michigan Mental Health Code 330.1744 and 330.1755

Nancy Patera, Board Chairperson	Date		