

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery, and Wellness

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Subject Title Rights of Minors to Services without Parental Consent or Knowledge	Adopted 09/26/96	Last Revised 2/20/14	Reviewed 4/22/99; 6/6/06; 1/27/11; 2/20/14; 1/4/17

PROCEDURE

Application

This procedure shall apply to The Right Door for Hope, Recovery, and Wellness and all services operated by or under contract with it. This procedure shall serve as a guide to assure compliance with Board policy regarding Customer Rights.

- 1.0 A family-centered approach to services is encourage; however, a minor 14 years of age or older may request and receive mental health services and mental health professionals may provide services on an out-patient basis (excluding pregnancy termination referral services and use of psychotropic drugs) without the consent or knowledge of the minor's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis. (MHC 707 [1])
- 2.0 Services provided to a minor under the above circumstances shall, to the extent possible, promote the minor's relationship with parent, guardian or person in loco parentis, and shall not undermine the values that the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis has sought to instill in the minor.
- 3.0 The minor's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis is not informed of the services without the consent of the minor unless the treating mental health professional determines a compelling need for disclosure based upon substantial probability of harm to the minor or another person and if the minor is notified of the treating professional's intent to inform. (MHC 707 [1])
- 4.0 Services provided to a minor without parental consent are limited to not more than 12 sessions within a four month period per request, and after these sessions expire, the mental health professional terminates the services or, with the consent of the minor, notifies the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis to obtain consent to provide further out-patient services. (MHC 707 [3])
- 5.0 The minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis shall not be liable for the costs of services received by the minor under the above circumstances.

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