

## The Right Door for Hope, Recovery, and Wellness

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### PROCEDURE

#### Application

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

- 1.0 The freedom of movement of a recipient shall not be restricted more than is necessary to provide mental health services, to prevent injury to them or to others, or to prevent substantial property damage, except that 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.
- 2.0 Agency employees and/or contractors and their employees shall verbally explain to the person served (legal representative when appropriate):
  - 2.1 The residential program's general policies and procedures regarding limitations of Freedom of Movement, which shall include a verbal notice that individual limitations may be imposed under certain circumstances as well as documented understanding in the person-centered plan; and
  - 2.2 That limitations on Freedom of Movement including denial of leave requests may be appealed either verbally or in writing to the Recipient Rights Officer.
- 3.0 General limitations applicable to all persons served in the residential program shall be integrated into a person centered plan showing the person served understands them and wants to continue to live there, even with limitations. If a person who is living in the home with one of The Right Door's person served has limitations in place due to a behavior treatment plan that potentially limits their rights, movement

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or freedom, it will also be clearly documented in the person centered plan that they still want to live in the environment. Persons served must have freedom to control their own schedules, activities and resources to the extent they desire. If they choose to receive assistance, that should be provided as needed and desired by the individual.

- 4.0 Individual limitations must be recommended by the Person-Centered Planning Team, approved by Behavior management Committee, monitored by the Support Coordinator or designated person, and reviewed on a regular basis as indicated in the Individual Plan of Service.

4.1 If a person served is in a Home and Community Based (HCB) Setting and modifications are recommended, you must document that any modifications of the HCB settings requirements are based upon a specific assessed health and safety need and justified in the person-centered service plan:

- a. Identify the specific assessed need(s);
- b. Document the positive interventions and supports used previously;
- c. Document less intrusive methods that were tried and did not work, including how and why they did not work;
- d. Include a clear description of the condition that is directly proportionate to the assessed need;
- e. Include regular collection and review of data to measure the effectiveness of the modification;
- f. Include established time limits for periodic review of the modification;
- g. Include informed consent of the individual; and
- h. Include assurances that the modifications will cause no harm to the individual.

- 5.0 When Freedom of Movement is individually limited, it shall be documented in the person served's Plan of Service and included in the record of the person served. The documentation shall include:

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- 5.1 Justification of the limitation;
  - 5.2 Termination of the limitation;
  - 5.3 Review date of the limitation; and
  - 5.4 When and by whom the limitation was explained to the person served and, when applicable, to the legal representative of a minor.
- 6.0 Limitations shall be removed when the circumstance, which justified its adoption, ceases to exist.

**References**

Mental Health Code 330.1744  
Administrative Rules 330.7231

Kerry Possehn, Chief Executive Officer	Date		