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Chapter: **RECIPIENT RIGHTS**
Title: **ABORTION, CONTRACEPTION, STERILIZATION**

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I. Abstract

This policy establishes standards and procedures regarding abortion, contraception, or sterilization for the Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) Board.

II. Application

This policy shall apply to directly-operated and contracted network providers of the MCCMH Board.

III. Policy

It is the policy of the MCCMH Board to comply with the abortion policy adopted by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners on April 25, 1991 (Exhibit A), and to encourage consumers to seek appropriate/needed medical, legal, and clinical counseling regarding health and family planning issues.

IV. Definitions

- A. **Public Funds**
Funds received or controlled by the MCCMH Board including but not limited to, funds derived from federal, state or local sources, gifts or grants, etc.

V. Standards

- A. MCCMH employees, independent contractors, volunteers, and interns shall not encourage recipients (registered or non-registered) to seek abortion of a fetus, or surgical sterilization, of any recipient.

- B. In the provision of MCCMH services, MCCMH employees, independent contractors, volunteers, and interns shall encourage MCCMH recipients to seek appropriate medical, legal, and clinical counseling regarding health and family planning issues and provide the telephone number of appropriate resources.
- C. Provision of MCCMH Board-provided services shall not be affected or depend in any way on a consumer's requesting or not requesting family planning services or health information services.
- D. The individual in charge of the recipient's written plan of service shall provide notice to the recipient/guardian/parent(s) of a minor recipient of the availability of family planning and health information. This notice shall include a statement that receiving mental health services does not depend in any way on requesting or not requesting family planning or health information services.
- E. The MCCMH Board shall use no public funds for abortion, sterilization, or contraception for any recipient.

VI. Procedures

- A. None.

VII. References / Legal Authority

- A. 1998 Michigan Department of Mental Health Administrative Rules, R 330.7029
- B. Macomb County Board of Commissioners Policy and Restrictions Regarding the Use of Public Funds to Support Abortion, adopted April 25, 1991

VIII. Exhibits

- A. Macomb County Board of Commissioners Policy

Policy and Restrictions Regarding the Use of Public Funds to Support Abortion

It is the policy of this county to prohibit the appropriation or use of public funds for the purpose of performing or assisting an abortion not necessary to save the life of the mother, or for the purpose of counseling or encouraging a woman to have an abortion not necessary to save her life.

No person who is employed by, or under contract to, this county shall permit the expenditure of public funds or use of county facilities for the purpose of performing or assisting an abortion not necessary to save the life of the mother, or for the purpose of counseling or encouraging a woman to have an abortion not necessary to save her life. No person who is employed by, or under contract to, this county shall, within the scope of or under authority of his or her employment or contract, perform or assist an abortion not necessary to save the life of the mother, or counsel or encourage a woman to have an abortion not necessary to save her life.

“Public funds” means any funds received or controlled by this county, including any of its agencies, boards or departments and including but not limited to, funds derived from federal, state or local taxes, gifts or grants from any source, public or private, federal or state grants or payments, or intergovernmental transfers.