

HIAWATHA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Administrative Policy

Chapter: Recipient Rights
Section: Substance Abuse Recipient Rights Treatment and Consent - 6.25
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I. Policy:

It is the policy of Hiawatha Behavioral Health to provide substance abuse services to each individual in a manner suited to condition. The Plan of Service should be viewed as a contract between the person served and the clinician.

II Procedures:

A. A recipient shall participate in the development of his/her treatment plan. The development of the treatment plan is a cooperative effort between clinician and recipient. Both the recipient and the clinician will sign the treatment plan and any major revisions of that plan.

B. A recipient has the right to refuse treatment and to be informed of the consequences of that refusal. When a refusal of treatment prevents Hiawatha Behavioral Health from providing services according to ethical and professional standards, the relationship with the recipient may be terminated, with the Executive Director's or designee's written approval, upon reasonable notice. Reasons for termination will be recorded in the client's case file in the discharge summary.

C. Upon admission, each recipient is provided with program rules, which are also posted in public places in the program. These program rules inform new recipients of the infractions which can lead to discharge. The rules also describe the mechanism for appealing a discharge decision and which staff have authority to discharge. The recipient signs a form that documents that a written copy of program rules has been received and questions about it answered. This form is maintained in the recipient's record.

D. A recipient shall have the benefits, side effects, and risks associated with the use of any drugs fully explained in language which is understood by the recipient. All recipients receiving medication must sign an informed consent form.

E. A recipient has the right to give prior informed consent, consistent with federal confidentiality regulations, for the use and future disposition of products of special observation and audiovisual techniques, such as one-way vision mirrors, tape records, television, movies, or photographs.

F. Fingerprints may be taken and used in conjunction with treatment or research or to determine the name of a recipient only if expressed written consent has been obtained from the recipient. Fingerprints shall be kept as a separate part of the recipient's record and shall be destroyed or returned to the recipient when the fingerprints are no longer essential to treatment or research.