

War Memorial Hospital

TYPE: DEPARTMENTAL – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

POLICY: RIGHT TO ENTERTAINMENT MATERIALS, INFORMATION AND NEWS

REPLACES: 10/07, 7/16

PURPOSE: To define the policy of War Memorial Hospital regarding Behavioral Health Center patient's right to access entertainment materials, public communication, information, and newspapers.

PROCEDURE:

- A. A patient shall not be prevented from acquiring at his/her expense, literature and recordings or prevented from reading written or printed material, or prevented from viewing/listening to television, radio, recordings, or movies, for reasons of, or similar to, censorship. [AR 330.7139(1)]
- B. War Memorial Hospital's Behavioral Health Center provides services to recipients age 18 and older.
- C. Restrictions or limitations may be imposed if documented in the patient's written treatment plan. [AR 330.7129(2)]
 - 1. Restrictions or limitations shall be removed when clinical objectives have been reached or reason for limitation is no longer essential. [AR 330.7139(4)]
- D. Each instance of restriction/limitation and the justification for its application shall be documented in the patient's medical record. [AR 330.7129(3)]
- E. The following materials shall not be allowed:
 - 1. Pornographic material.
 - 2. Violent material.
- F. A daily newspaper shall be provided for patient use and shall not be disposed of until the next day's paper has arrived.
- G. In the event a patient feels his/her right to access has been denied, the following appeal shall occur:
 - 1. Inform patient to submit a written statement regarding denial of access to the Program Director.
 - 2. The Program Director shall consult with the attending psychiatrist and the program's team.
 - 3. In the event an understanding cannot be reached, the Psychiatric Medical Director shall be consulted.
 - 4. Documentation shall be made in the patient's medical record.
 - 5. The patient shall be informed that he/she may file a recipient rights complaint if issue is not resolved.

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H. Patient shall be encouraged to access materials provided by the Behavioral Health Center to include educational videos, tapes, and the daily newspaper.

Cross Reference and Legal Authority

MI Department of Community Health Administrative Rules - R - 330.7139.

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