



SHIAWASSEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY MANUAL

Title:	Sterilization, Abortion, and Contraception
Section:	Recipient Rights
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POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Shiawassee Health and Wellness (SHW) that access to and provision of mental health services is independent of and separate from the personal domain of choices affecting procreation. It also is the policy that strict adherence to federal and state laws concerning sterilization, abortion, and contraception will be followed when any such law or laws have applicability in regard to the manner in which mental health services must be delivered.

PURPOSE:

To ensure the protection of rights of recipients of SHW.

To ensure compliance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Rules.

APPLICATION:

This policy applies to all SHW employees, contracted providers and its employees, independent contractors, Interns, and volunteers .

DEFINITIONS:

Abortion: Termination of pregnancy before the stage of viability, induced or performed purposely, as by a surgeon.

Contraception: The prevention of conception by chemical or mechanical means, not including surgical sterilization.

Sterilization: Surgical removal of testes or ovaries, or inactivation by radiation, or by tying off or removing a portion or portions of the reproductive ducts.

STANDARDS:

1. The person in charge of the recipient's Individual Plan of Service will provide the recipient, guardian (if applicable), and parents of minor recipients with notice of the availability of family planning and health information services.
2. Upon request, the person in charge of the recipient's Individual Plan of Service will provide a recipient, guardian (if applicable), and parents of minor recipients with referral assistance to providers of such services.
3. The notice provided will include a statement that receiving mental health services is not dependent on one's request or failure to request family planning or health information services.
4. Programs, services, and activities may address through counseling, and/or written materials, a recipient's or, as applicable, guardian's expressed concerns regarding sterilization, abortion and/or contraception but will not advise for or against these procedures. It is recognized; however, in recipients receiving medications, physicians may warn the recipients to avoid pregnancy due to potentially harmful effects of medication to the fetus.

Change Log:

Date of Change	Description of Change	Responsible Party
5/9/2016		Becke Browne
07/03/18	Agency Name Change, Format Change	Jamie Burke, Executive Assistant
2/28/2021	Changed the order in which statements occurred.	Andrea Andrykovich