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CHAPTER Health/Medical	**CHAPTER** 03	**SECTION** 001	**SUBJECT** 05
SECTION Drugs and Medication	**DESCRIPTION** Medication Consents		
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APPLICATION:

☒CMH Staff	☐Board Members	☐Provider Network	☒Employment Services Providers
☐Employment Services Provider Agencies	☒Independent Contractors	☐Students	☒Interns
☐Volunteers	☒Persons Served		

POLICY:
Lapeer County Community Mental Health (LCCMH) obtains informed consent from persons served and their guardian, if applicable, when prescribed medications by an agency prescriber.

STANDARDS:

A. Person served and guardian, if applicable, receive medication education prior to being prescribed medication and are given the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns.

B. All medication is prescribed and administered with the informed consent of the person served and guardian, if applicable.

PROCEDURES:

A. The prescriber or nurse verbally provides medication education for each person served and guardian including:

1. The purpose of the medication
2. The benefits and risks associated with medication use
3. Contraindications
4. Side effects

5. Missed doses
6. Potential implications of diet and exercise when using medication
7. Risks associated with medication use during pregnancy
8. The importance of taking medication as prescribed, including, when applicable, the identification of potential obstacles to adherence
9. The need for laboratory studies, tests, or other monitoring procedures
10. Signs the medication efficacy is diminishing
11. Signs of nonadherence to medication prescriptions
12. Potential drug reactions when combining prescription and nonprescription medication
13. Instructions on self-administration, when possible
14. The expected course of use of medication, including discontinuation
15. The availability of financial supports and resources to assist persons served to obtain needed medication
16. What to do in the event there is a question or concern about a medication the person served is taking or has been prescribed

B. Person served/guardian is offered a medication-specific information and are encouraged to ask questions and participate in informed decision-making.

C. After receiving medication education and discussing the medication with the prescriber, the person served and guardian, if applicable, may choose whether to begin the medication. If they agree to proceed, they sign the “Consent for Use of Medication” form in the electronic health record (EHR) at the time the medication is prescribed. If the person served is evaluated remotely via telehealth, verbal consent is obtained and documented, and the signature is obtained at the next in-person visit.

DEFINITIONS:

Contraindication: anything (including a symptom or medical condition) that is a reason for a person to not receive a particular treatment or procedure because it may be harmful.

Prescriber: a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation to prescribe medication.

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