

Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan/PIHP	Policy
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I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes the responsibilities of substance abuse providers in addressing communicable diseases in the populations being served within the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM) jurisdiction. The policy recognizes the primary purpose of communicable disease efforts is to prevent the spread of infection among substance using populations. This policy requires that providers of services to individuals with substance use disorders have adequate training and resources to ensure proper screening and referral for persons with potential risk of having a communicable disease.

II. REVISION HISTORY

DATE	REV. NO.	MODIFICATION
6/2010		Original document
2/2012	1.0	Language changes/updates
9/8/16	2.0	Language changes/updates
3/2019	3.0	Language changes/updates

III. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all CMHPSM network treatment providers of substance abuse and co-occurring disorders services.

IV. POLICY

This policy establishes that all individuals with substance use disorders at risk for and/or living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), tuberculosis (TB), Hepatitis (especially A, B, and C) and other communicable disease will have the opportunity for access to culturally sensitive and appropriate substance abuse prevention and treatment services to address their multiple needs in a respectful and dignified manner

Given the causal relationship between HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, other communicable diseases (CDs), substance abuse and the importance of recognizing the role of CD assessment in the development of substance abuse treatment plans for individuals, a comprehensive approach is the most effective strategy for preventing infections in the drug using populations and their communities.

The CMHPSM must assure persons with substance use disorders (SUDs) who are at-risk for and/or living with HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases/infections (STD/Is),

tuberculosis (TB), hepatitis (especially A, B, and C) or other CDs have access to culturally sensitive and appropriate substance abuse prevention and treatment to address their multiple needs in a respectful and dignified manner.

V. DEFINITIONS

High Risk Population: Communicable disease priority populations include all clients with a history of IDU and pregnant women presenting for treatment. Additionally, women, African Americans, and other communities of color are considered high risk.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES

The CMHPSM is responsible for the monitoring and oversight of the contracted substance abuse provider network in assessing for communicable diseases and referring their clients for testing and treatment where appropriate.

The substance abuse provider network is responsible for meeting or exceeding the standards set forth by the CMHPSM in the assessment of communicable diseases and referral for appropriate testing and treatment, and for ensuring that all substance abuse staff is properly trained in communicable diseases. Documentation of training and required updates are the responsibility of the provider and must be available upon request.

VII. STANDARDS

This policy establishes the standards that licensed substance abuse provider staff have a basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS, TB, hepatitis, STDs and their relationship to substance abuse.

Level 1 requirement - At a minimum, **all** substance abuse program staff should have basic knowledge regarding communicable diseases, including:

- HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis (especially A, B, and C) and STDs as they related to the agency target population;
- Modes of transmission (risk factors, myths and facts, etc.);
- Linkage between substance abuse and these communicable diseases;
- Overview of treatment possibilities; and
- Local resources available for further information / screening.

Level 1 requirement may be adequately covered in a two-hour session, with update trainings every two years, and may be provided by agency staff that has completed Level 2 training.

Level 1 training is available electronically at <https://www.improvingmipractices.org/> located in the SUD training section.

Level 2 requirements – All clinicians serving clients in a treatment setting may have an expanded level of training on HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis and STD.

The Level 2 training requirements could be adequately covered in a three-hour session, with two-hour update trainings every two years. This level of training would require a more advanced level of expertise for the trainer, which could be achieved through the MDHHS, HAPIS, and HIV Specialist training certification process. Providers requesting level 2 training must contact CMHPSM for assistance.

Services:

1. All persons receiving SUD services who are infected by mycobacterium tuberculosis must be referred for appropriate medical evaluation and treatment. The CMHPSMs responsibility extends to ensuring that the agency to which the client is referred to, has the capacity to provide these medical services or to make these services available, based on the individual's ability to pay. If no such agency can be identified locally (within reasonable distance), the CMHPSM must notify MDHHS/OROSC.
2. All clients entering residential treatment and residential detoxification must be tested for TB upon admission. With respect to individuals who exhibit symptoms of active TB, policies and procedures must be in place to avoid a potential spread of the disease. These policies and procedures must be consistent with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and/or communicable disease best practice.
3. All pregnant women presenting for treatment must have access to STD and HIV testing.
4. Each provider is required to assure that all SUD clients entering treatment have been appropriately screened for risk of HIV/AIDS, STD/Is, TB and hepatitis, and that they are provided basic information about risk.
5. For those individuals entering SUD treatment identified with high-risk behaviors, additional information about the resources available, and referral to testing and treatment must be made available.

Financial and Reporting Requirements:

For the required services set forth in policy set forth by MDHHS/OROSC, there are no separate financial or reporting requirements.

If a CMHPSM chooses to utilize state funds to provide communicable disease services beyond the scope of this policy:

1. The CMHPSM designated provider must ensure that individuals are persons with SUD
2. The Communicable Disease Provider Information Plan must be completed within at the beginning of each fiscal year in conjunction with the CMHPSM Action Plan submission where applicable.
3. The Communicable Disease Provider Information Report must be completed within sixty (60) days following the end of a fiscal year and submitted to MDHHS.
4. The CMHPSM designated provider must submit data to the HIV Event System (HES) for Health Education/Risk Reduction Informational Sessions and Single Session Skills Building Workgroups, as well as HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Services (CTRS), consistent with MDHHS HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section (HAPIS) data collection methods.

VIII. EXHIBITS

None

IX. REFERENCES

Reference:	Check if	Standard Numbers:
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	applies:	
42 CFR Parts 400 et al. (Balanced Budget Act)		
45 CFR Parts 160 & 164 (HIPAA)	X	
42 CFR Part 2 (Substance Abuse)	X	
Michigan Mental Health Code Act 258 of 1974		
The Joint Commission - Behavioral Health Standards		
Michigan Department of Community Health (MDHHS) Medicaid Contract	X	
MDHHS Substance Abuse Contract	X	
Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual	X	
PIHP Policy Review Schedule		
Policy Tracking Form		

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