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| **MONTCALM CARE NETWORK PROCEDURE 611 North State Street, Stanton, MI 48888** |
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| SUBJECT: Consumer Rights and Medication Procedures | Section: 8305C |
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1. The consumer or the consumer's guardian has the right to accept or refuse treatment with medication. The consent of consumers, parents, or guardians must be informed and information about the medication and dosage of medication, the purpose of the medication, the potential risks and benefits of the medication, potential medication side effects and precautions must be provided to consumers, guardians or parents prior to obtaining consent for this treatment modality.
2. Medication will not be used as punishment, for the convenience of staff or as a substitute for other appropriate treatment.
3. Medication use shall conform to standards of the medical community.
4. Medication shall not be used in quantities that interfere with a consumer's habilitation or treatment program.
5. In instances where medication is used as a behavioral control technique, it must be accompanied by a suitable behavioral modification program to deal with the primary problem. (see Policy #8123).
6. The use of medication must be a part of the individual person/family centered plan and based on the recipient’s clinical stats. Periodic medication reviews will be at the discretion of Montcalm Care Network physicians.
7. For external residential, acute care and other program settings where medication is administered:
	1. In a residential setting, or acute care or other program setting, initial administration of psychotropic medication may not be extended beyond 48 hours, unless there is consent.
	2. In a residential, acute care or other program setting, psychotropic medication will not be administered unless:
		1. The individual gives informed consent;
		2. Administration is necessary to prevent physical injury to a person or

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another;

* + 1. There is a court order.
	1. In a residential setting or acute care, medications may be used in emergency situations after signed documentation of the physician is placed in the resident's clinical record and when the actions of a resident or other objective criteria clearly demonstrates to a physician that the resident poses a risk of harm to himself, herself or others.
	2. The initial period of treatment shall be as short as possible, shall be terminated as soon as there is little likelihood that the resident will quickly return to an actively dangerous state, and shall be the smallest possible dosage needed.
	3. Minimal duration and safe termination shall be determined by manufactures guidelines and prevailing medical practice.
	4. The prescriber, or if the prescriber is not on site, the individual dispensing or administering a drug shall explain to a consumer the specific risk, if any, and the most common adverse effects that have been associated with any psychotropic medication prescribed for the consumer. A written summary of the most common adverse effects shall be provided to the consumer by the person dispensing or administering the drug.