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| **MONTCALM CARE NETWORK**  **611 North State Street, Stanton, MI 48888** | |
| SUBJECT: Right to Entertainment  Materials, Information and  News | Section: 8914 |
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1. A recipient living in a residential care facility will not be prevented from obtaining and using reading, viewing, or listening material at his or her own expense for reasons of, or similar to, censorship.
2. A residential provider may limit access to entertainment materials, information, or news only if such a limitation is specifically approved in the recipient's person/family centered plan.
3. Each instance where a limitation is imposed will be documented in the recipient's clinical record.
4. The limitation/restriction will be periodically reviewed and removed when no longer clinically justified.
5. The right of access does not entitle a minor recipient to obtain and keep printed material, or to view television programs or movies, over objection of a minor's parent or guardian or if prohibited by State Law. Material not prohibited by law may be read or viewed as part of the recipient's person/family centered plan.
6. The residential provider will:
   1. Specify general restrictions on access to material for reading, listening or viewing in posted program rules.
   2. Determine a recipient's interest in, and provide for, a daily newspaper.
   3. Permit attempts by the Montcalm Care Network's employee in charge of the Person/Family Centered Plan to persuade a parent or guardian of a minor to withdraw objections to material desired by the minor.
   4. Allow a recipient to appeal denial of their right of access to the rights office, and to reverse a denial if indicated.
   5. Specify restrictions on the whole residential program for the therapeutic benefit of recipients as a group in posted program rules

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