

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLINTON-EATON-INGHAM</b></p> <p>SUBJECT: Access to Entertainment Materials, Information, and News</p> <p>SCOPE: Residential Programs of CMHA Network and Providers</p>	POLICY: <u>3.6.21</u>	Reviewed		
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	ISSUED BY: Director, Recipient Rights, Quality, and Customer Service	5/15/05		
APPROVED BY: Board of Directors				
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I. Purpose:

To establish processes for ensuring the right to access entertainment materials, information, and news for recipients of mental health services in residential settings.

II. Policy:

- A. Staff in a residential setting shall not prevent a recipient from acquiring entertainment materials, information, and news at the recipient's expense.
- B. Staff shall not prevent a resident from reading written or printed material, or from viewing or listening to television, radio, recordings, or movies made available at the residence for reasons of, or similar to, censorship.
- C. Limitations to a resident's access to entertainment materials, information, or news shall be specifically documented in the recipient's individualized plan of service, with clinical justification. The limitation shall be removed when no longer justified.
- D. The residential provider may establish general program restrictions on access to material for reading, listening, or viewing, and specific restrictions on a living unit or for the therapeutic benefit of the residents as a group. House rules regarding such restrictions shall be posted.
- E. Material not prohibited by law may be read or viewed by a minor resident unless there is an objection by the minor's parent or guardian who has legal custody of the minor.

III. Responsibilities:

- A. The Director of Quality Customer Service and Recipient Rights is responsible for ensuring that procedures to implement the intent of this policy are developed, reviewed, and revised as necessary.
- B. Residential providers are responsible for establishing written policies and procedures to comply with this policy.
- C. Staff are responsible for implementing house rules and treatment plans.

IV. Monitoring and Review:

This policy is reviewed by the Director of Quality Customer Service and Recipient Rights. It is monitored internally by the Recipient Rights Office and the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee. It is monitored externally by the Department of Community Health.