# **ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURE**



PROCEDURE	# 12.1a	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVISED DATE
TITLE: RECIPIENT RIGHTS PROCEDURE		3/13/2023	
ATTACHMENT TO		REVIEW DATES	
POLICY #:	12.1		
POLICY TITLE: ENSURING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS SERVED			
CHAPTER:	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS		

#### I. PURPOSE

To ensure the rights of individuals receiving substance use disorder services by outlining the process by which the LRE and contracted SUD providers will respond to member second-level SUD Recipient Rights Complaints

Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) will establish a regional SUD Rights Office that shall:

- ensure the rights of individuals receiving substance use disorder (SUD) services in Region 3,
- provide support and technical assistance to SUD providers to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations, and
- address second-level SUD rights reviews in accordance with the Administrative Rules for Substance Use Disorder Service Programs in Michigan.

## **II. PROCEDURES**

- A. LRE will designate an individual to serve as the SUD Regional Recipient Rights Advisor. The designated individual shall:
  - 1. Attend state trainings on Recipient Rights;
  - 2. Serve as the point-of-contact for the State for SUD Rights in Region 3;
  - 3. Assist consumers with filing a SUD Rights complaint if requested;
  - 4. Forward any SUD rights complaints received by the LRE to the appropriate SUD provider for investigation;
  - 5. Provide support, training, and technical assistance to providers upon request;
  - 6. Handle all second-level SUD Rights reviews;
  - 7. Have no purview regarding Mental Health rights, which is the legal obligation of the Community Mental Health Service Provider (CMHSP) per the Mental Health Code.
- B. If a member is dissatisfied with the results of the first-level SUD Rights complaint, they may appeal to the LRE SUD Rights Office. The Provider shall:
  - 1. Assist the member in completing form BCHS-SUD-210
  - 2. Ensure the member has signed the BCHS-SUD-210 form and/or a Release of Information for LRE

- 3. Utilize secure modes of information sharing to comply with HIPAA rules and confidentiality policies
- 4. Forward the BCHS-SUD-210 form and all related documentation to the LRE SUD Rights Advisor

## C. The LRE SUD Rights Advisor Shall:

- 1. Acknowledge receipt of the second-level complaint appeal;
- 2. Review and investigate the second-level complaint appeal;
- 3. Provide the investigation report and findings to the member on the BCHS-SUD-215 form within 30 calendar days from the date the complaint was received by the LRE;
- 4. Provide a copy of the investigation report and findings to the SUD Provider;
- 5. If requested, assist the member with filing a third-level appeal with MDHHS within 15 working days of the date the second-level appeal was completed

#### III. APPLICABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

This procedure applies to LRE, Member CMHSPs, and their contracted providers.

#### IV. MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Chief Executive Officer or designee will review this policy on an annual basis.

#### V. DEFINITIONS

Definitions for this procedure are provided in the Michigan Administrative Code for Substance Use Disorder Service Programs; R325.1397.

### VI. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

LRE Policy 12.1: Ensuring the Rights of Persons Served

## **VII. REFERENCES/LEGAL AUTHORITY**

- A. MDHHS Medicaid Specialty Supports and Services Contract
- B. Department of Community Health/Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration/Substance Use Disorder Service Program; R325.14101
- C. Act 368 of 1978 Public Health Code, Article 6
- D. PA 358 of 1974 Mental Health Code, chapters 2A and 7

#### VIII. CHANGE LOG

Date of Change	Description of Change	Responsible Party
3/13/2023	NEW PROCEDURE	LRE CEO / Designee