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## Infection Control

### POLICY

It is the policy of Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) to maintain the safety of staff, consumers and visitors through the implementation of standards and practices to prevent or reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in the establishment of infection control standards.

### APPLICATION

1. The following groups are required to implement and adhere to this policy: DWMHA Board, DWMHA Staff, Contractual Staff, Access Center, MCPN Staff, Network Providers, Mobile Crisis Stabilization Team (COPE), ProtoCall, Credentialing Verification Organization (CVO).
2. This policy serves the following populations: Adults, Children, I/DD, SMI/SEI, SED,SUD, Autism
3. This policy impacts the following **contracts/service lines** : MI-HEALTH LINK, Medicaid.SUD, Autism, Grants, General Fund

### KEYWORDS

1. Bloodborne pathogens
2. Universal Precautions

### STANDARDS

1. DWMHA, MCPNs, direct and subcontracted providers shall ensure that policies and procedures are in place which comply with local, State and Federal infection control rules, regulations and guidelines.
  - a. Included in these policies will be a Medical Waste Management Plan as appropriate to the setting.
  - b. The protocols shall further address training and the use of Universal Precautions to ensure staff maintain current their knowledge of techniques specific to bloodborne pathogen exposure.

2. Training on infection control is available on-line through the DWMHA-maintained electronic vendors so as to be accessible to all staff across all shifts.
  - a. This training is required for all DWMHA staff and the provider network.
  - b. All training must be documented and accessible as a part of an employee's personnel file.
  - c. This training emphasizes the importance of hand washing as a first line of defense in the control of infectious diseases. DWMHA employees, contractors, interns/trainees, and volunteers are required to follow hand washing and other hygienic procedures as per current training.
3. Any work-related exposure to DWMHA employees, contractors, interns/trainees, volunteers or visitors to potential or known infectious pathogens, other than common viral illnesses (cold or flu) must be reported to Human Resources, and an appropriate referral made for further medical evaluation and management.
  - a. Human Resources is responsible for initiating a post-exposure incident review, recommendations, and corrective actions to reduce the risk of further exposure.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE/IMPROVEMENT**

DWMHA shall review and monitor contractor adherence to this policy as one element in its network management program, and as one element of the QAPIP Goals and Objectives.

The quality improvement programs of MCPNs, their subcontractors, and direct contractors must include measures for both the monitoring of and the continuous improvement of the programs or processes described in this policy.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS**

DWMHA staff, MCPNs, contractors, and subcontractors are bound by all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules, regulations and policies, all federal waiver requirements, state and county contractual requirements, policies, and administrative directives, as amended.

## **LEGAL AUTHORITY**

## **RELATED POLICIES**

## **RELATED DEPARTMENTS**

1. Administration
2. Claims Management
3. Clinical Practice Improvement
4. Compliance
5. Customer Service
6. Information Technology
7. Integrated Health Care

8. Legal
9. Managed Care Operations
10. Management & Budget
11. Purchasing
12. Quality Improvement
13. Recipient Rights
14. Substance Use Disorders

## CLINICAL POLICY

YES

## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POLICY

EXTERNAL

### Attachments:

No Attachments

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