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I. APPLICATION:

- ☐ PIHP Board ☐ CMHSP Providers ☒ SUD Providers
☐ PIHP Staff ☐ CMHSP Subcontractors

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

It shall be the policy of Region 10 PIHP to identify and convey the requirements of communicable disease testing and health education for persons receiving Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services and to prevent the further spread of infection among individuals using substances.

III. DEFINITIONS:

Communicable Disease (CD): Includes human immunodeficiency virus / acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Tuberculosis (TB).

High Risk Behaviors: Includes injecting drugs, persons sharing needles, persons engaging in unprotected sex, and persons living with an individual who has a communicable disease.

IV. STANDARDS:

- A. Region 10 will monitor provider compliance with the CD policy through annual contract compliance monitoring activities.
- B. Region 10 will ensure that all providers have a communicable disease policy with established procedures and protocols in place that minimally include screening, education, counseling, and referrals for testing for those at risk of contracting a communicable disease.

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- C. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) contract in the area of CD, Region 10 will assure all direct treatment provider staff screen for Communicable Diseases, provide referrals for testing as needed, and provide health education to persons at risk.
1. A communicable disease screening tool is to be completed for each new admission.
 2. Providers records will include a health assessment that includes screening for high-risk behaviors.
 3. All records will include documentation of referrals made for CD testing, counseling provided regarding communicable diseases, and other healthcare referrals.
 4. All entering residential treatment and withdrawal management must be tested for TB upon admission.
 5. All pregnant women presenting for treatment must have access to STD/I and HIV testing.
- D. Minimum Knowledge Standards include: All direct service staff will meet the MDHHS and Region 10 defined training requirements for communicable diseases. MDHHS/SUGE mandates that all SUD provider staff, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, who interact with individuals receiving services at a contracted agency or organization have at least a basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis, and STD/I, and the relationship to substance use. MDHHS/SUGE provides web-based training that will cover minimal knowledge standards necessary to meet this Level 1 requirement.
1. SUD Provider staff are required to complete the Level 1 training annually.
 2. New staff are required to complete Level 1 training within 30 days of hire.

V. **PROCEDURES:**

SUD Contract Providers are required to assure that all individuals entering SUD treatment have been appropriately screened for risk of CD including, but not limited to, HIV/AIDS, STD/Is, TB, and viral hepatitis. Individuals shall also be provided basic information about the risks of CD and referred for appropriate services related to CD as necessary.

SUD Contract Providers are required to assure that all individuals receiving residential SUD services and residential withdrawal management services who are infected with a CD including, but not limited to, HIV/AIDS, STD/Is, TB and viral hepatitis must be referred to appropriate medical evaluation and treatment.

VI. **EXHIBITS:**

None.

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VII. REFERENCES:

- A. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Use, Gambling, and Epidemiology (MDHHS/SUGE). (2023). Substance Abuse Prevention Policy #2: Addressing Communicable Disease Issues in the Substance Abuse Service Network.