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North Sound Mental Health Administration

Section 1500 – Clinical: Consent for Treatment

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POLICY #1509.00

SUBJECT: CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

PURPOSE

To inform consumers of the treatment options available and to document that the consumer has been given information as to the nature of the treatment he/she can expect from the provider, and that the consumer consents to participate in treatment.

POLICY

Voluntary North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA) consumers (or legal representatives if applicable) sign Consent for Treatment form prior to the initial assessment for treatment. Children 12 years of age and under require consent by a legal representative.

PROCEDURE

At the time of scheduling the initial assessment appointment, the Access clinician notifies the consumer of the need for Consent for Treatment.

At the initial appointment, the assessment clinician explains the Consent for Treatment prior to beginning the assessment and obtains the consumer signature.

Notes Regarding Primary Language: If the consumer's primary language is a "Prevalent Language", the Consent for Treatment form will be presented in English and also translated to the appropriate language. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have determined that Spanish is spoken by 5% or more the population served by NSMHA and is therefore considered a "DSHS Prevalent Language."

Materials may be provided in exclusively in English if the consumer's primary language is other than English, and the enrollee can understand English, and is willing to receive the materials in English. In this case, the enrollee's consent to receiving information and materials in English must be documented in the consumer record.

For consumers whose primary language is not translated, the requirement may be met by providing the information through audio or video recording in the enrollee's primary language, having an interpreter read the materials in the enrollee's primary language or providing materials in an alternative format that is acceptable to the enrollee. If one of these methods are used it must be documented in the consumer record.

The assessment shall not proceed until the appropriate consent signature has been obtained.

The assessment clinician signs with his/her degree and specialty if applicable, and includes the date of the meeting. The Consent form is filed in the consumer's chart.

ATTACHMENTS

None