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POLICY AND PROCEDURE

INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS

ADD008

In conjunction with the criteria established in the most current revised edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Patient Placement Criteria, Bullhook Community Health Center, Inc. requires that any person in need of treatment for intravenous substance abuse will be admitted to inpatient treatment in 14 days. If no such program has capacity patient will be admitted to intensive outpatient until a placement becomes available.

The patient will also be referred to a medical provider for the following services:

1. Counseling and education about HIV and Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and C
2. Risks of needle sharing
3. Risks of transmission to sexual partners and infants
4. Steps that can be taken to ensure that HIV transmission does not occur
5. Testing for HIV, HPV, and TB (per policy ADD007)
6. Counselors will document intravenous drug use within the evaluation and address the issue during the course of treatment
7. Bullhook Community Health Center, Inc. must keep a record of the total number of IV drug users receiving services from your program
8. Bullhook Community Health Center, Inc. ensures priority for admittance is given to individuals infected with the HIV or AIDS (per policy ADD006)
9. Bullhook Community Health Center, Inc. will ensure that it will provide outreach activities to encourage individuals who use IV dugs to undergo treatment
10. For pregnant women, the services must include counseling on the effects of alcohol and drug use on the fetus, as well as, referral for prenatal care

Individual counselors must exercise reasonable effort in the exploration of the incidence of IV drug use, including occasional use at intake with each client.

Clients who admit to IV drug use must be encouraged to complete the voluntary IV drug use survey and mail anonymously to the state.

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