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<b>Title 1</b>	<b>Northern Lakes Policies</b>
<b>Part 106</b>	<b>Supports and Services – NLCMH Provided and Contract</b>
<b>Subpart J</b>	<b>Mental Health Code Protected Recipient Rights</b>
<b>Policy No.</b>	<b>106.1031</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Medications – Use of (RR)</b>

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### **Applicability**

Policy applies to all NLCMH activities, operations and sites and to all Workforce Members except members of the governing body. Policy also applies to any Network Provider and its employees, volunteers, or agents that has elected to adopt and adhere to NLCMH policies and procedures pertaining to Recipient Rights under the terms of its Participating Provider Agreement.

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### **Policy**

Medication shall only be administered at the order of a psychiatrist and in compliance with the Michigan Mental Health Code and other applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, and in accordance with standards of the medical community.

- A. The use of psychotropic medications shall be addressed in each consumer's Person-Centered Plan.
- B. Use of medications will be monitored and used as sparingly as possible.
- C. Medication shall not be used as punishment, for the convenience of the Workforce Member, or as a substitute for other appropriate treatment.
- D. Medication shall be administered by or under the supervision of personnel who are qualified and trained pursuant to Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being §333.1101 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- E. The administration of all medication shall be documented in the consumer's clinical record.
- F. The use of psychotropic medications shall be subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. A consumer has the right to refuse medication. If a consumer is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to take medications as part of an Alternative Treatment Order and refuses the administration of medications, the consumer shall be instructed, in a factual manner, of the potential consequences of refusal.

- b. Psychotropic medications shall not be administered unless:
  - i. The consumer consents; or
  - ii. In an emergency situation without prior consent when it is determined and documented by the prescribing psychiatrist that there is present danger. Criteria for determining present dangerousness shall be:
    - 1. The consumer is exhibiting evidence of immediate physical harm to him or herself or injury to others, or
    - 2. The consumer is exhibiting substantial property damage and there is immediate risk of harm to the consumer or others.
- c. In an emergency situation as described above, medication may be administered to a consumer only after signed documentation of the psychiatrist is placed in the consumer's clinical record that the actions of the consumer or other objective criteria clearly demonstrate to a psychiatrist that the consumer poses a risk of harm to himself, herself or others.
- d. The consumer shall be evaluated for the need for inpatient psychiatric treatment.
- e. Initial administration of psychotropic chemotherapy may not be extended beyond 48 hours, unless there is consent. The duration of the administration of psychotropic medication shall be as short as possible and at the lowest possible dosage that is therapeutically effective. The medication shall be terminated as soon as there is little likelihood that the resident will pose a risk of harm to himself, herself, or others.
- f. Additional courses of medication may be prescribed and administered if a consumer decompensates and again poses a risk to himself, herself or others.
- g. Only medication that is authorized in writing by a psychiatrist shall be given to a resident of specialized residential services upon his or her leave or discharge from the program.

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## Procedures

None.

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