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Policy: In accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) contract in the area of HIV/AIDS-STD Communicable Disease, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH) services, which is the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) for Barry, Branch, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties will assure all direct treatment provider staff screen for HIV/AIDS-STD Communicable Diseases, provide referrals for testing as needed and provide health education to persons at risk.

Purpose: To 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 in the substance using population.

Scope: This policy is applicable to all SWMBH SUD contracted treatment providers.

Responsibilities: SWMBH SUD contracted treatment providers shall screen for communicable diseases

Definitions: Communicable Diseases: Includes HIV/AIDS, STDs, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Tuberculosis.

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

Standards and Guidelines:

A. SWMBH will monitor provider compliance with the Action Plan Guidelines in the area of communicable disease testing and education.
B. SWMBH will assure that all providers have a communicable disease policy on file with established

procedures and protocols in place that minimally include counseling and referrals for testing.

C. All records will include a health assessment that includes screens for high-risk behaviors.

D. All records will include documentation of: referrals made for testing, counseling provided regarding communicable diseases, other healthcare referrals and referrals made to the regional HIV Case Manager.

E. A Communicable Disease Screening Tool is to be completed for each new admission to Treatment Services.

F. All direct service staff will meet the Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC) and SWMBH defined training requirements for communicable diseases.

G. Minimum Knowledge Standards include:

1. Basics of HIV/AIDS:
   - Statistics (include source, geographic areas, modes of transmission, how to interpret);
   - HIV/AIDS (what it is, cause, history, definition, types, properties of HIV);
   - Stages/Phases of HIV infection (acute, asymptomatic, chronic, advanced, path and time frame of HIV infection, pathology of host T-cell invasion, immune response and viral load, co-factors, signs and symptoms of HIV-related disease, including those specific to women and children, HIV related infections and cancers);
   - Treatment (anti-retrovirals, prophylaxis, anti-infectives, immune-modulators, clinical trials, nutrition, complementary/alternative treatments, early intervention services); and
   - Transmission (infectivity of body fluids, risk factors for assessing risk, connection between Sexually Transmitted Diseases [STD], substance abuse and HIV)
2. Risk Reduction/Prevention:
   - Behavior change (determinants of willingness and/or ability to change behavior, behavior change as a process);
   - Risk reduction: methods and options (ways to eliminate, reduce risk, infection control); and
   - Sexuality and HIV (definitions, attitudes, HIV impact on sexuality)
3. HIV Testing:
   - Antibody testing (philosophy, goals, legal requirements, benefits/risks, types [i.e., serum, OraSure], laboratory tests used, limitations, testing processes); and
   - Immune function and viral load testing (CD4, antigen, RNA)
4. Psychosocial Issues:
   - Psychological Framework (issues for people with AIDS and/or HIV, people at high risk, families, friends and lovers, general public, people working in HIV/AIDS); and
   - Overview of Psychological Issues (social isolation, alteration in quality of life, self esteem, intensity of emotion, control, denial, financial and employment issues)
5. Special Populations:
   - Substance Users/Abusers (statistics, connection with HIV, professional challenges, outreach

strategies);

- Men who have sex with men (statistics, stereotypes, homophobia, strategies for substance abuse professionals);
- Adolescents (statistics, other indicators of risk, special populations, challenges);
- People of Color (statistics, factors, racism and discrimination, strategies for substance abuse professionals); and
- Women and children (statistics, including perinatal transmission, risk factors, impact)

6. Laws (felony, confidentiality, partner notification, testing, reporting, ADA)
7. Resources (local, state, federal)

References:

Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services (MDCH/OROSC). (2009). Substance Abuse Prevention Policy #02: Addressing Communicable Disease Issues in the Substance Abuse Service Network. Retrieved from:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/P-P-02_Comm_Disease_w-form_enabled_372455_7.pdf

Attachments: 08.05A- Communicable Diseases Screening Tool (example)

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11.05 Communicable Disease Testing Education

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Service Provider: ______________________________

IMPORTANT

- This questionnaire was designed to help our staff better serve you and care for your needs. It asks very private and intimate questions. Your answers will be kept in strict confidentiality*
  **This document complies strictly with the confidentiality protection requirements of the law 42 CFR, Ch.I, Part2 Sect. 2.16)*
- A new CD Screening Tool is to be completed each time a person starts a SA Treatment service

PART I – QUESTIONS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO TB

1. Have you ever been told by a physician or other health care provider that you have had a positive test for a TB test or been told that you have TB? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If "Yes", do you remember when was this? ______________________
   Did you follow-up with a physician or health care provider? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you ever received treatment for TB disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If "Yes", when? ______________ How long? ______________
3. Have you ever lived with someone or spent time with someone who has had TB? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you ever lived on the street or in a shelter or been in jail, a psychiatric hospital or in other close quarters with people who you did not know well? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If "Yes", please give us a brief description of it:
   ____
   ____
5. Are you a veteran/active military who has been stationed in Afghanistan within the past five years (or do you live with someone who is and has been)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Within the last 30 days, have had or have you lived with anyone who has had any of the following symptoms for more than two weeks:
   a. Fever ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. Night sweats ☐ Yes ☐ No
   c. Chills ☐ Yes ☐ No
   d. Lingering cough that produces mucus (phlegm) ☐ Yes ☐ No
   e. Coughing up blood ☐ Yes ☐ No
   f. Shortness of breath ☐ Yes ☐ No
   g. Lumps or swollen glands in the neck or under the arm ☐ Yes ☐ No
   h. Loss of appetite ☐ Yes ☐ No
   i. Sudden or significant weight loss ☐ Yes ☐ No
   j. Excessive or lingering fatigue ☐ Yes ☐ No

PART II – QUESTIONS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO:
HIV (HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS)
HEPATITIS (A, B, C)
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

IMPORTANT

- If you have tested positive for HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C in the past, please let us know*

1. Have you ever shared needles or injecting "works" with other individuals, including your spouse or significant other, even once or a long time ago? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you had any needle stick injury? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you have any body art such as tattoos or body piercing? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you ever experienced other forms of blood-to-blood or body fluid contact including:
   - ☐ Blood transfusion or organ transplant before 1992
   - ☐ Received blood clotting factor made before 1992
   - ☐ Been on hemodialysis
   - ☐ Had occupation exposure to blood in a medical care or public safety setting
5. Have you ever been told you have elevated liver enzymes or liver disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Have you ever used cocaine with a shared straw or dollar bill? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Have you had any mucosal exposure to bodily fluids, such as splashing of blood into the eye or into an open wound/skin cut? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Have you, or anyone you've has sex with, has any of the following symptoms within the last 30 days? (check all that apply):

   For men **and** women:
   - ☐ Sore or ulcer on the penis/vagina ("down there")
   - ☐ Rash or spots, especially on your palms or on the soles of your feet
   - ☐ Burning when you urinate

   For women **only**:
   - ☐ A vaginal discharge this is different from what you usually have
   - ☐ Pain when you have vaginal sex
   - ☐ Pain in your lower abdomen

   For men **only**:
   - ☐ Unusual discharge from the penis (example: pus)
9. Have you, or someone you've had sex with, experienced the following? (check all that apply):
   - ☐ Forced sex
   - ☐ Homelessness
   - ☐ Mental health issues
   - ☐ Migrant work
   - ☐ More than one sex partner in six months
   - ☐ Exchanged sex for drugs or money
   - ☐ Incarceration for a period longer than two days

10. Have you had sexual experiences with:
    - ☐ Someone who injects drugs
    - ☐ An anonymous partner (someone you do not know)
    - ☐ **(men only)** Other men
    - ☐ **(women only)** a man who has had sex with a man
    - ☐ Someone who has had a recent sexually transmitted disease (STD)
    - ☐ Someone living with HIV/AIDS
    - ☐ A person against my will
    - ☐ Someone unaware of their HIV status
    - ☐ Someone who drug and sexual history is unknown to you

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!

PLEASE WAIT UNTIL A STAFF PERSON REVIEWS THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WITH YOU BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW!

Now that a staff person has reviewed the information of the questionnaire above with you, please check the boxes below if they apply to you:

- ☐ After reviewing the information which I disclosed through this questionnaire, the staff of the program indicated that I may be at a higher risk for developing a Communicable Disease.

- ☐ A staff person of this program gave me information and education to help better understand how to prevent the risk of contracting Communicable Diseases.

______________________________ _______________
Signature Date

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Witness Date