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**Policy:** It shall be the policy of Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH) to provide/assure that those transitioning from incarceration or other criminal justice involved rehabilitative settings have appropriate substance use disorder treatment at the time of discharge. This will be accomplished by establishing collaborative relationships among substance use disorder treatment and prevention providers. Providers may include, but are not limited to, Community Mental Health Service Providers (CMHSP), behavioral health, or other primary care facilities.

**Purpose:** Transition planning is critical in the effective reentry of individuals with substance use disorders into the community. Discharge planning and transitional care coordination for individuals who are being released from incarceration improves the quality of care, improves outcomes, and reduces relapse potential by assuring appropriate substance use disorder services are coordinated prior to release.

**Scope:** To describe a clear method for coordinating substance use disorder treatment upon transition from incarceration or other criminal justice involved rehabilitative settings.

**Responsibilities:** SWMBH will work with criminal justice or rehabilitative settings to ensure transition care coverage upon release from incarceration or other criminal justice involved rehabilitative settings in accordance with customer's needs, preferences, medical necessity, and insurance coverage.

**Definitions:** None

**Standards and Guidelines:**

1. SWMBH funded substance use disorder (SUD) providers performing jail-based services will assist in the discharge and transitional planning for individuals receiving SUD services while in jail.
  - a. Customers with an existing substance use disorder treatment provider will be encouraged to return to the same provider, pending customer's request and continued need for services. Service provision through SWMBH will continue as appropriate, including customer's level of care needs as defined in customer's assessment and treatment plan.
  - b. Customers who initiated services while incarcerated will be assisted in finding an appropriate substance use disorder provider to ensure continuity of care.
2. All correctional facilities are encouraged to coordinate after care services with SWMBH, as needed, prior to the customer's release from incarceration. SWMBH Utilization Management staff will screen customers and refer to appropriate level of care and substance use disorder provider.

**References:** None

**Attachments:** None



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