

Washington County
Behavioral Health Division

Policy on Individual Rights: Declaration for Mental Health Treatment

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OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this policy is to describe Washington County Behavioral Health (WCBH) staff's responsibility to clients regarding their rights to a *Declaration for Mental Health Treatment*.

SCOPE/APPLIES TO

Washington County Behavioral Health staff, contracted staff, volunteers, and interns (referred to collectively hereafter as "staff").

POLICY

DEFINITION(S)

Client: An individual receiving care coordination services with Washington County Behavioral Health and/or behavioral health services with a contracted community provider.

Contracted Providers: A person or organization who has an agreement with WCBH to provide behavioral health treatment services.

Declaration for Mental Health Treatment: A legal written statement of a client's wishes concerning their mental health care if they become unable to make their own decisions.

POLICY STATEMENT

Washington County Behavioral Health (WCBH) follows the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) on Individual Rights 309-019-0115 and upholds the rights for adult clients, 18 years, and older,

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and emancipated youth clients to make decisions about their own care. Contracted providers ensure clients have the opportunity complete a *Declaration for Mental Health Treatment*. Providers are to ensure the client's wishes are honored, as clinically appropriate, in the event the client becomes unable to make such decisions.

Clients are provided with the opportunity to complete a *Declaration for Mental Health Treatment* upon request and again, when the client is legally an adult or an emancipated youth. WCBH Quality Assurance Program will investigate any grievance regarding a client's Declaration for Mental Health Treatment when requested.