



# COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

22550 Hall Road ♦ Clinton Township, MI 48036  
PHONE: 586-469-5275 FAX: 586-469-7674  
www.mccmh.net

Mark A. Hackel  
County Executive

John L. Kinch  
Executive Director

September 20, 2018

**TO:** Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH)  
Internal and Contract Network Providers

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kathy D. Vosburg  
Chairperson

**FROM:** John L. Kinch, Executive Director

Joan Flynn  
Vice-Chairperson

**RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE 2 / 2018**

Linda K. Busch  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Effective October 1, 2018, for respite care service requests, the following guidelines shall apply to respite care service authorizations:**

Respite shall only be provided:

1. On a short-term limited basis
2. To relieve the family or primary caregiver from daily stress and care demands
3. During times when caregivers are not being paid to provide care

Louis J. Burdi  
Nick Ciaramitaro  
Susan Doherty  
Barry J. Gross, D.O.  
Phil Kraft  
Brian Negovan  
Christopher M. O'Connell, D.O.  
Lori A. Phillips  
Selena M. Schmidt

"Short-term" means that respite service is provided during a limited period of time; for example, for a few hours, days, or a weekend, or a brief absence .

"Intermittent" means that respite provision does not occur regularly or for a continuing period. The service cannot stop and start repeatedly or with a time period in between. Respite is not intended to be provided on a continuous long-term basis, or as part of a daily service that would enable a caregiver to accommodate his or her employment schedule.



A CARF Accredited  
Organization

Respite care may not be provided by the parent of a minor beneficiary receiving the service, spouse of the beneficiary, beneficiary's guardian, or the unpaid primary caregiver.



MEMBER

Pursuant to this Directive, the MCCMH documented limited capacity for respite service provision (Codes T1005, T1005-TD, T1005-TE) is hereby established for not more than eighty-eight (88) units [twenty-two (22) hours] per month. This capacity limit reflects a 20% decrease in State funding. Services will be authorized through the MCCMH Access Center at the point of new authorization or re-authorization of services. **Note:** Respite services through the Shared Parenting Program and the Respite Home are excluded from the above capacity limit. This Directive supersedes Executive Directive 11/2006 in the MCCMH MCO Policy Manual.

JLK/PJJ