# Chapter: CLINICAL PRACTICE Title: MANAGEMENT OF EPSDT REFERRALS

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### I. Abstract

This policy establishes the standards and procedures of the Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) Board for the intake and management of Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) referrals including the arrangement of any needed transportation for the consumer.

#### II. Application

This policy shall apply to all directly-operated and contract network providers of the MCCMH Board.

#### III. Policy

It is the policy of the MCCMH Board that its directly-operated and contract network providers accept and arrange appropriate services for consumers who are referred for EPSDT services.

#### IV. Definitions

A. Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

A Medicaid child health program of early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment services for beneficiaries (children adolescents, and young adults under the age of 21). Its intent is to:

- 1. Ensure access to necessary health resource(s);
- 2. Assist consumers, parents and guardians in appropriately using those resources; and
- 3. Find and treat problems early so they do not become more serious and costly.

# V. Standards

- A. The MCCMH Access Center shall be aware of the EPSDT program and receptive to referrals for medically necessary mental health services.
- B. The MCCMH Access Center staff shall be knowledgeable and ready to assist EPSDT consumers in accessing transportation services through the individual's Medicaid health plan or through the Michigan Department of Human Services for medically-necessary health care appointments, including specialty services identified by EPSDT.

## VI. Procedures

A. Procedures shall be contained in Provider manuals.

# VII. References / Legal Authority

A. Children's Mental Health Services Act, 42 USC 1396d, as amended

## VIII. Exhibits

A. None.