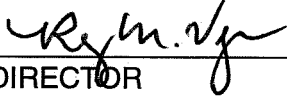


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TITLE: Drug & Alcohol Program: Priority Clients Policy	POLICY NO: CL-DA-02	Page 1 of 1
RESPONSIBILITY: Drug & Alcohol Program		
APPROVED BY:  DIRECTOR	EFFECTIVE: JUN 14 2017	LAST REVIEWED/REVISED:

PURPOSE:

To identify and define the populations that are considered at risk which mandate expedited treatment by being selected as first priority, demanding immediate admission and access to services.

POLICY:

- A. It is the policy of Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center's Drug & Alcohol Program to consider all clients "priority clients." However, with fewer treatment slots available, we realize that some clients may have to be placed on a waiting list. The following types of clients shall not be placed on the waiting list and shall be given immediate admission to treatment.
- a. Women who are pregnant intravenous drug users.
 - b. Pregnant and parenting women.
 - c. Adolescents returning from inpatient chemical dependency treatment.
 - d. Referrals from Child Protective Services.
 - e. Intravenous drug users.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Staff who has first contact with the consumer: Shall assess the consumer and shall schedule the consumer within the week or within 7 days of first contact.

PROCEDURE:

1. When a priority client requests, or is referred for treatment, he or she shall be admitted before those clients already on the waiting list.
2. The Director of Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center shall be informed when priority clients need treatment.
3. All persons reporting IV drug usage shall be referred to a medical doctor for a physical examination.
4. Pregnant women shall be screened to determine if a referral to pregnant medical care is appropriate.

SUPERSEDES: Title; Policy No.; Effective Date/signature date; Approving individual's name

ATTACHMENT(S): None

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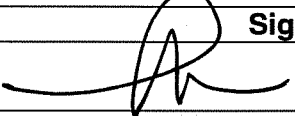
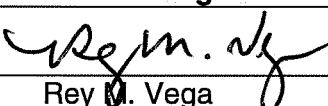
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