

SUBJECT: USE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT

EFFECTIVE
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APPROVED BY:

Reviewed (no changes): _____

Executive Director

POLICY

It is the policy of McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to follow the recommended special instructions of the consumer's health care professional or family regarding the use of safety equipment such as adaptive equipment/supports (ex: postural support, orthopedic appliances) or protective devices (ex: helmets, tabletop chairs, bed rails, which are required for adaptive support). Use of these devices are based on the assessed needs of the consumer. The Interdisciplinary Planning Team may recommend and authorize the implementation of supports and devices which do not require a prescription (ex: helmet, hip strap).

Although safety and postural devices may limit movement, they are applied for protection from accidental injury or required for the medical treatment of the consumer's physical condition and are not considered physical restraints.
1997 GA Code 37-7-165(c)

PROCEDURE

1. The use of safety equipment is included in the individual service plan.
2. An addendum to the ISP is used when safety equipment is changed or added.
3. Type, frequency and duration are included in the plan.
4. Progress notes reflect the use of safety equipment.
5. Reassessment during reviews ensure that the safety equipment continues to meet an identified need.
6. Progress notes reflect discontinued use of safety equipment and include why and when.