

SUBJECT: CONTROL OF PARASITIC INFECTION

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POLICY

It is the policy of McIntosh Trail CSB to refer for treatment any consumer who presents with either scabies or lice.

PROCEDURE

A. Diagnosis and Treatment:

1. Outpatient and Day Service Consumers:
If a consumer presents for service and is suspected of having either scabies or lice, the consumer should either be seen by the agency medical staff for a diagnosis or referred immediately to their primary care physician or the local health department for further diagnosis and treatment. The consumer must present documentation of completion of treatment prior to re-entry to the service.
2. Housing Consumers:
If a consumer is suspected of having either scabies or lice, they should be immediately referred to their primary care physician or the local health department for diagnosis and treatment. Documentation should be maintained in the consumer record of the completion of treatment. In addition, measures for prevention will be instituted immediately. See Measures for Prevention.
3. Residential Consumers:
If a consumer is suspected of having either scabies or lice, they should be immediately referred, examined, and diagnosed by the physician or CNS responsible for the consumer's care. Treatment is prescribed by the physician or CNS in the consumer's clinical record. The physician or CNS should indicate when the consumer may return to services. In addition, measures for prevention will be instituted immediately. See Measures for Prevention.
 - a. Treatment ordered by the physician or CNS is documented in the consumer's clinical record.

B. Measures for Prevention:

1. For Outpatient and Day Services, it is recommended that treatment of other members of the consumer's household and sexual contacts be treated prophylactically.
2. For Residential and Housing services, infected consumers may spread these infections to staff and other consumers. Therefore, control of the infection is imperative to prevent spread or re-infection. Staff providing direct care should wear gloves and appropriate care of linen (washing on hot cycle as indicated below) should be provided until consumer has been treated.
 - a. If it is deemed appropriate, the entire population at risk (consumers and staff), whether or not symptomatic, should be treated within the same 24 hour period as the infected consumer.
 - b. All intimate articles of clothing, recently worn clothing, towels and wash cloths, and all bedding (bedspreads, sheets, blankets, pillow cases, etc.) should be washed by machine on the hot water cycle (122 F.).
 - c. All grooming articles (comb and brush) should be thrown away and new ones obtained.