

# **SANILAC COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

**NUMBER: BA036**

**NAME: COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

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### **I. PURPOSE**

### **II. APPLICATION**

Populations: **NA**  
Programs: **Direct - ALL**  
**Contracted - NA**

### **III. POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Sanilac County Community Mental Health Authority (Sanilac CMH) to provide significant contributions in the local community and contribute to important public health and public safety responsibilities. Specialty mental health services and CCBHC services are an important part of the public health and safety assurances on which communities depend.

### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Specialty mental health services: Sanilac CMH provides medically necessary behavioral health services and supports to people recovering from serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and people living with cognitive and developmental disabilities; including those who are also recovering from co-occurring substance use disorders. To do so, CMH utilizes various sources of funding as appropriate to support these individuals as they live as independently as possible within their communities.
- B. CCBHC services: Sanilac CMH provides medically necessary behavioral health and SUD services and supports to people who request them and have a behavioral health diagnosis.

### **V. STANDARDS**

1. Publicly funded agencies have a responsibility to the community in which they reside to perform as part of an important network of essential services and supports for the community and its residents.
2. Publicly funded agencies are also expected to provide a service to the community at large in times of crisis or other situational need. For example, procuring counseling and support for community members following natural disasters or when other emergencies, accidents or tragedies occur locally.
3. Publicly funded Community Mental Health programs are expected to provide community education regarding the potential needs of persons we serve and provide training and

technical assistance to community members and organizations to enable people we serve to access their community to the fullest extent desired and possible. Benefits such as these can be particularly important to schools, law enforcement and the criminal justice systems.

4. Prevention is a valued focus of the Agency and prevention efforts that are directed toward the general population and at-risk individuals also contribute to a healthier community.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

**VII. REFERENCES**