

SANILAC COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

CLINICAL PROCEDURE

NUMBER: DC1010

NAME: SHARPS DISPOSAL

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I. PURPOSE

To develop standard procedures for the proper disposal of contaminated sharps.

II. APPLICATION

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

III. POLICY

It is the policy of Sanilac County Community Mental Health Authority (Sanilac CMH) that all contaminated sharps will be disposed of in a manner that follows standard medical practices.

IV. DEFINITIONS

V. STANDARDS

- A. Nurses disposing of contaminated sharps shall follow the procedure as stated in the Policy BC021, Bloodborne Pathogens Control Plan.
- B. Full waste containers shall be capped and disposed of at the Outpatient office (kept in the locked Medication Room). Containers shall be disposed of at least every three months by a bio-medical waste disposal agency.
- C. A copy of the bio-medical waste receipt and manifest shall be kept on file at the appropriate agency site for a period of one year.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

VII. REFERENCES