COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL				
Chapter **Program Quality**	**Section** **Recipient Rights**	**Chapter** **05**	**Section** **01**	**Subject** **32**
Subject **Advocacy**	**Authorization**		**Approved: 10/24/06** **Replaces: None**	

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I. PURPOSE: To assure that providers are not prohibited or restricted from advocating on behalf of a recipient.

II. APPLICATION: All programs operated directly by or under contract with Gogebic Community Mental Health Authority (GCMHA).

III. DEFINITIONS: None

IV. POLICY: GCMHA will not prohibit, or otherwise restrict, a health care professional acting within the lawful scope of practice, from advising or advocating on behalf of a recipient who is his or her patient, for the following:

A. The recipient's health status, medical care, or treatment options, including any alternative treatment that may be self-administered;

B. Any information the recipient needs in order to decide among all relevant treatment options;

C. The risks, benefits, and consequences of treatment or non-treatment; and

D. The recipient's right to participate in decisions regarding his or her health care, including the right to refuse treatment, and to express preferences about future treatment decisions.

V. PROCEDURE: None

VI. REFERENCES AND LEGAL AUTHORITY: 42 CFR 438.102(a)

VII. EXHIBITS: None