



SHIAWASSEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS POLICY MANUAL

Title:	Record Retention
Section:	Corporate Compliance
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POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Shiawassee Health and Wellness (SHW) to maintain a record retention policy that adheres to applicable legal statutes.

Purpose

To define the parameters for the agency's record retention policy.

Scope

This policy applies to all employees and contractual staff at SHW.

Information

In furtherance of its document retention obligations required by law, third-party payors and necessary to its business operations, SHW employees and other staff members are required to use good faith efforts to adhere to the following policy on document retention. SHW will work in coordination with its subcontractors and MSHN to effectuate this policy.

Documents

Documents must be maintained in English and in a legible manner. Documents covered under this policy shall include all billing, compliance and related documents including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Cost reports
2. Claim forms submitted to Medicare, Medicaid and other third-party payors and claim forms submitted for internal cost reporting tracking purposes
3. Supporting documentation for the cost reports and claim forms
4. Pertinent correspondence related to cost reports, claim forms or other billing matters

5. Medical/Clinical records
6. Documentation of SHW compliance educational efforts
7. Compliance reports generated pursuant to the compliance program
8. Service activity logs
9. Remittance advices, as applicable
10. Prior authorization requests and approvals for services and supplies (including managed care authorizations)
11. Verifications of medical necessity and the provider's usual and customary charge for non-covered services
12. Records of third-party payment
13. Purchase invoices for items offered or supplied to consumers

Document Retention Period

SHW documents (electronic or hardcopy) covered under this policy shall be properly maintained by SHW, or another party designated by SHW, in accordance with SHW confidentiality procedures and State of Michigan Retention and Disposal Schedule 20.

Hard copy documents that are not converted to an electronic format must be maintained in a secure location, in accordance with Michigan Law and consistent with document type.

Access to the secure location will be given to the Director of Operations, Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Strategic Services, Corporate Compliance, and Facilities Manager.

Additional staff who require access to secure storage due to specific job duty requirements must obtain permission and gain access from one of the above listed representatives.

A record shall be kept of who accesses secure storage. This record will reflect the name of the individual, date/time of entry, date/time of departure and reason for access.

Document Destruction

It is the policy of SHW that confidential documents destroyed under this policy shall be disposed of in a manner that will not compromise their confidentiality.

If SHW contracts with any third-party entity for the purpose of record disposal, they will be required to enact a Business Associate Agreement that adheres to the requirements required under the HIPAA Rules.

Reporting Improper Destruction of Documents

No employee or other person shall destroy or alter any document maintained by SHW, or maintained by another party for SHW, in anticipation of a request for those documents from any governmental agency; or by subpoena or a court order. If any SHW staff member believes that such conduct has occurred or may occur, he/she shall contact the Corporate Compliance Officer immediately via the internal reporting mechanisms.

Definitions/Acronyms

CMHSP – Community Mental Health Services Program
SHW - Shiawassee Health and Wellness
MDHHS – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
MSHN – Mid-State Health Network

Reference(s) and/or Legal Authority

Michigan Medicaid Community Health Service Program Manual, Chapter 1, pages 40-45
MDCH/CMHSP Managed Specialty Supports and Services Contract Agreement, Section 4.11.

State of Michigan Records Retention and Disposal Schedule, Department of History, Arts and Libraries - Records Management, *General Schedule 20, Community Mental Health Services Programs.*

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