

**MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE**

Department: Behavioral Health-Halfway House

Policy Number: HHS-BH-HWH 4428

Policy Title: Use of Sage, Cedar, Sweetgrass and Tobacco

Attachments:

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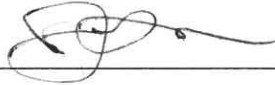


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POLICY STATEMENT: The Mille Lacs Band Halfway House (HWH) recognizes the importance of the use of sage, sweetgrass, cedar and tobacco in the daily spiritual life of American Indians. It is the policy of the MLBHWH to allow the use of sage, sweetgrass, cedar and tobacco with the permission of the Spiritual Advisor and under the supervision of the on duty staff.

PURPOSE: In accordance with Ojibwe cultural and traditional methodologies, HWH will allow clients to use sage, cedar, sweetgrass and tobacco as a part of their treatment program.

PROCEDURE: Responsibility: Any client wishing to use sage, cedar, sweetgrass or tobacco for spiritual purposes shall consult with the Counselor. If necessary, a referral will be made to the Spiritual Advisor for the instruction and appropriateness of the request.

All requests for permission to use sage, cedar, sweetgrass or tobacco shall be made to the Counselor, who will then refer the client to the Spiritual Advisor for instruction or for the appropriate time and place.

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