

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

Department: Behavioral Health-Halfway House

Policy Number: HHS-BH-HWH 4429

Policy Title: Sweat Lodge, Drum and other Ceremonies

Attachments:

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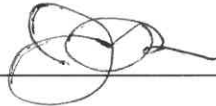


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POLICY STATEMENT: The Mille Lacs Band Halfway House (HWH) program recognizes the importance of Ceremony to American Indians. It is the policy of the HWH to provide or to allow the attendance of clients to area ceremonies when requested.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to allow clients to participate in various American Indian traditional ceremonies.

PROCEDURE: Responsibility: Clients requesting attendance at any traditional ceremony shall be made to the Counselor. The Counselor will refer the request to the Spiritual Advisor who shall determine the appropriateness of the request. The Spiritual Advisor will then consult with the HWH Manage/Counselor to seek permission to arrange the attendance at the ceremony.

Upon receipt of permission from the Spiritual Advisor, the counselor will advise the client of the time and place of the ceremony and arrange transportation. Factors such as weather, distance and the health of the client will be considered when the Spiritual Advisor plans the Ceremony. Documentation will be made by the Spiritual Advisor and the Counselor in the case file.

Internal and/or External References	
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