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## Recipient Rights

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Any time you file a grievance, request a second opinion, request a Medicaid Fair Hearing, or request Alternative Dispute Resolution, you may also file a Recipient Rights Complaint.

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When you use any of these methods for problem resolution, you may also have other rights. For example, in some situations, you may request that your services continue, that your hearing be resolved more quickly, or that you have witnesses or formal representation.

No matter how you express your concern, we must take it seriously and treat you fairly. We must consider and resolve your concerns within defined time frames. Ask the Ombudsman or your Rights Advisor for more detail.

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## Help with Your Concerns

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If you want to resolve your concern informally or file a grievance, or if you want to request a Second Opinion, a Local Appeal, a Medicaid Fair Hearing, or use the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process, the Ombudsman will help you.

If you are receiving substance use services and you have a concern, MCOSA's Rights Advisor will help you. Timelines and rights for substance use services differ from those for mental health or DD services.

To help resolve your concern more quickly, call us, or fax any written request to our offices.

**Ombudsman: 586-469-7795**

**Office of Recipient Rights:**

**586-469-6528**

**MCOSA Rights : 586-469-5278**

**Fax: 586-469-7674**

**You may call any MCCMH office**

**“Collect,”** or, if you prefer, we will call you back at any number you give us.

These offices are equipped with telephone interpreter services for those who best use a language other than English.

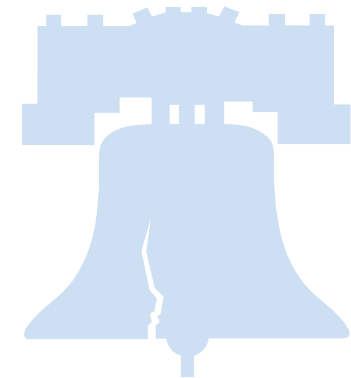
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# Your Second Opinion and Appeal Rights

When You Use  
MCCMH Services

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**Macomb County  
Community Mental Health**

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# Resolving Concerns about Your Services

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We want to work with you to make sure that your experiences with

MCCMH are effective and problem-free.

From time to time, concerns about your services may arise. **You have**

**the right, at any time, to tell us if you are dissatisfied** with anything about your services or about your experience with MCCMH. You may do so in a number of ways:



*The Ombudsman or the Office of Recipient Rights will help you with any concerns about your services.*

- If you are unhappy with something, we encourage you to tell us. Talk to your therapist, case manager or supports coordinator, or their supervisors, to see if your concern can be resolved right in the clinic. However, you don't have to do this if it makes you uncomfortable, or you may try talking while you use other formal methods, too.

- A **grievance** is an expression of dissatisfaction with something about your services or your experience with one of our staff, contractors, or service sites. You may file a grievance verbally or in writing.
- If you are requesting MCCMH services for the first time, or you are requesting hospitalization, and your request is denied, **you may request a Second Opinion**. Usually, a second opinion is provided by the Executive Director or the MCCMH Medical Director, or by his or her designee. You must request a second opinion in writing. We must complete second opinion reviews promptly, and must tell you the outcome.
- **Anyone who uses MCCMH services may request a Local Appeal**. You may file an Appeal if you don't agree with our decision to deny, reduce, suspend, or terminate your services, or if you don't agree with the contents of your person-centered plan, or if you don't agree with our decisions about your eligibility for Family Support Subsidy payments. If you do not have Medicaid and are paying for part of the cost of your services, but you don't

agree with the fee we set for you, you may also file an appeal. Your appeal will be heard by someone in Macomb County who was not involved in the original decision. Timelines for filing appeals vary — ask the Ombudsman for help.

- **If you receive Medicaid and you are not satisfied with the results of your local appeal, you may request a Medicaid Fair Hearing**. This is a hearing of your concern by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in Lansing. You must request a Medicaid Fair Hearing in writing. You must have a Local Appeal before you are eligible for a Medicaid Fair Hearing.
- **If you do not receive Medicaid** and you are not satisfied with the results of your Local Appeal, you may use the **Alternative Dispute Resolution Process (ADRP)**. This is a hearing of your concern by DHHS in Lansing. You must request ADRP in writing, within 10 days after receiving the results of your local appeal. You must try to resolve your concern using all other methods before using ADRP.