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SUBJECT: Possessions and Prohibition of Weapons at BHS Programs

PURPOSE:

Provide a written policy and procedure regarding beneficiaries’ possessions and prohibition of the possession of weapons on site at any of the Health Care Agency (HCA) County operated Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs.

POLICY:

Staff at BHS outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs shall not collect beneficiaries’ possessions. Additionally, the possession of guns, knives (other than kitchen utensils), or other weapons (except for law enforcement officers or security guards acting in the line of duty) is prohibited at all BHS sites.

SCOPE:

These procedures apply at the BHS County Operated Mental Health and SUD programs.

REFERENCES:

[DHCS Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program Certification Standards](#)

HCA Rules and Policies for Clients Receiving Services at Orange County Drug Abuse Clinics (F346-108.4)

DEFINITION:

Possessions - items or property belonging to a beneficiary (i.e. Cellphone).

PROCEDURE:

- I. Staff at BHS Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) County Operated outpatient programs shall not collect beneficiaries’ possessions.
- II. Individuals are prohibited from possessing guns, knives (other than kitchen utensils), or other weapons (except for law enforcement officers or security guards acting in the line of duty) at BHS program sites.

- III. Individuals other than law enforcement or security guards acting in the line of duty, who possess a gun, knife (other than kitchen utensil) or other weapon will be asked to take the weapon off the program site.
- IV. For SUD Programs: At intake, beneficiaries entering into HCA BHS SUD programs for services shall read and sign "Rules and Policies for Clients Receiving Services at Orange County Drug Abuse Clinics," which informs beneficiaries of the rule to not carry or display of weapons on premises of program site.