

2150.7530 TERMINATION OF SERVICES.

Subpart 1. **Right to terminate services.** Either the provider or client may terminate a professional relationship unless prohibited by law or court order.

Subp. 2. **Mandatory termination of services.** The provider shall promptly terminate services to a client whenever:

A. the provider's objectivity or effectiveness is impaired, unless a resolution can be achieved as permitted in part 2150.7540; or

B. the client is unlikely to benefit from continued professional services by the provider, is being harmed by further services, or the services are not needed.

Subp. 3. **Notification of termination.** Whenever the provider initiates a termination of professional services, the provider shall inform the client either orally or in writing. This requirement shall not apply when the termination is due to the successful completion of a predefined service such as an assessment or time-limited therapy, or if the client terminates the professional relationship.

Subp. 4. **Recommendation upon termination.** Upon the termination of counseling services, the provider shall:

A. offer to make a recommendation to the client for appropriate mental health services whenever the provider believes they are needed by the client; or

B. provide such a recommendation upon the request of the client.

Subp. 5. **Exception to required recommendation.** The requirements of subpart 4 do not apply when an assessment of an individual for a third party is conducted in which a recommendation for mental health services is not part of the requested service.

Subp. 6. **Absence from practice.** Nothing in this part requires the provider to terminate a client due to an absence from practice that is the result of a period of illness or injury that does not affect the provider's ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety, as long as arrangements have been made for temporary counseling services that may be needed by the client during the provider's absence.

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