

2150.7560 MEDICAL AND OTHER HEALTH CARE CONSIDERATIONS.

Subpart 1. **Coordinating services with other health care professionals.** Upon initiating counseling services, the provider shall inquire whether the client has a professional relationship with another health care professional. If it is determined that the client has such a professional relationship that is relevant to the provider's services to the client, the provider shall, to the extent possible and consistent with the wishes and best interests of the client, coordinate services for that client with the other health care professional. This requirement does not apply if brief psychotherapy or crisis intervention services are provided.

Subp. 2. **Reviewing previous health care information.** If the provider determines that the client has had a relationship that is relevant to the provider's services to the client, the provider shall, to the extent possible and consistent with the wishes and best interests of the client, seek to review this information.

Subp. 3. **Relevant medical conditions.** If the provider becomes aware that a client's psychological condition or diagnosis may have a medical etiology or consequence, the provider shall, within the boundaries of the provider's competence and consistent with the wishes and best interests of the client, discuss this with the client and offer to assist with identifying possible medical resources for the client to consider.

Subp. 4. **Medications.**

A. Within their competence, providers may discuss prescription or nonprescription medications and their effects with a client or the client's physician or prescribing health care provider, or in a report.

B. Providers shall make clear in medication discussions with a client or in a report that the ultimate decision whether to prescribe, alter, or discontinue a medication lies solely with a physician or other prescribing health care provider.

C. Providers shall not recommend to a client or in a report specific medications by trade or generic name or dosage, or recommend the discontinuation of medications.

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