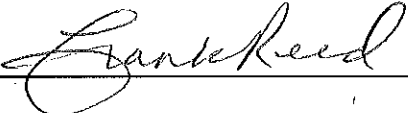


Facility Name: Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence (MTCR)	
Policy: Resident Electronics Policy	
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A. Introduction and Purpose

Connection to residents' communities is an integral part of recovery and community integration. MTCR encourages residents to have as much connection to their community and the "world outside of MTCR" as is possible. The use of the internet, specifically the wireless internet available to residents, for general communication with family, friends and providers through email is recognized as an important aspect of this communication. In addition, the use of internet for job searches, apartment searches, etc. are also a valued aspect of aiding residents in managing their own personal affairs in order to have as best a possible transition into the community.

- B. MTCR provides one computer for residents. Residents may have access to the computer in the resident activity room, with staff supervision.
- C. If the treatment team approves, a resident may access his or her personal electronic devices, such as, iPads, laptops, etc. Use of electronic devices may require supervision by staff. Residents are limited to no more than two devices that can access the MTCR Wi-Fi.
- D. Residents have the right to reasonable access to the MTCR telephone for private conversations, unless such access has been restricted by a court. Residents shall have reasonable access to the MTCR resident phone except when restricted because of misuse. Restrictions as to telephone use shall be in writing in the form of a doctor's order.

Approved by DMH Commissioner	Approval Date:
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