BLUE WATER DEVELOPMENTAL HOUSING, INC.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED INFORMATION

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I. APPLICATION

The provisions stated herein shall apply to all individuals supported by Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc. (BWDH).

II. POLICY

It shall be the policy of BWDH that an individual supported shall be permitted to use spiritual methods as means outlined in the procedures below to address medical conditions.

III. DEFINITION

Treatment by Spiritual Means: A spiritual discipline or school of thought upon which an individual supported wishes to rely on to aid his/her physical or mental recovery.

IV. STANDARDS

A. Employees shall ensure an individual supported has access to treatment by spiritual means.

B. Individual supported shall not be denied access, at the individual supported expense, to printed, recorded, or visual material essential or related to treatment by spiritual means or to symbolic objects or spiritual significance. This provision shall not imply that employee(s) must furnish or take unreasonable steps to assure access to such materials.

C. Treatment by spiritual means shall include the right of the individual supported, guardian, or other treatment based on spiritual grounds unless treatment is ordered by a court of law or an individual poses harm to himself, herself or others and treatment is essential to prevent physical injury.

D. Requesting persons shall be informed of denial and given the reasons for denial.

E. Requesting person has the right to grieve the denial. A grievance shall be made per the BWDH policy on grievance.

F. The right to treatment by spiritual means does not include the right to any of the following:
   1. To use mechanical devices or chemical or organic compounds that are physically harmful.

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2. To engage in activity prohibited by law.
3. To engage in activity physically harmful to self or others.
4. To engage in activity that is emotionally distressing to others living in the home.
5. To engage in activity that is inconsistent with court-ordered custody or voluntary placement by a person other than the individual supported.

V. NOTIFICATION/PROCEDURE

WHO	DOES WHAT
Employee(s)	1. Reports all cases of refusal of medications for spiritual reasons to the program supervisor.
	2. Documents in the Health Care Chronological (HCC).
Program Supervisor	3. Reports all cases of refusal of medication or treatment for spiritual reasons to appropriate division director, supports coordinator for the individual supported, the physician, guardian and Interdisciplinary Team.
	4. Ensures information is reported in the case record and is part of the individual plan of service.

References:

A. Michigan Department of Community Health, Administrative Rule 330.7135
B. Mental Health Code Section, Sections 330.1704, 330.1708 and 330.1752