

Policy:

It is the policy of Mid-Missouri Supported Living to adhere to State of Missouri and federal regulations for research involving individuals supported as noted in Code of State Regulations 9-60.010 and RSMo 630.192. This includes research, interventions, or interaction on persons served to test hypotheses, derive generalizations to test new interventions classified as experimental whether behavioral, psychological, biomedical, or pharmacological, and shall include the review of current or past individuals personally identifiable records, surveying individuals and the use of individuals personally identifiable statistics.

Comment:

Mid-Missouri Supported Living shall not permit individuals supported by the agency to participate in any research projects except as provided for under section 630.192, RSMo and succeeding sections and operating regulations. (630.192 stated: "No biomedical or pharmacological research shall be conducted in residential facilities or day programs operated, funded, or licensed by the department for persons affected by mental retardation, developmental disabilities, mental illness, mental disorders, or alcohol or drug abuse unless such research is intended to alleviate or prevent the disabling conditions or is reasonably expected to be of direct therapeutic benefit to the participants. No involuntary patient shall participate in any research.")

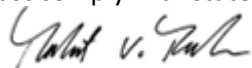
Under 9 CSR 60-1.010 (3)(G), excluded are those instances where the manipulation or application is intended solely and explicitly for individual treatment of a condition, falls within the prerogative of accepted practice, and is subject to appropriate quality assurance review. Also excluded are activities limited to program evaluation conducted by staff members as a regular part of their jobs, the collection or analysis of management information system data, archival research, or the use of departmental statistics.

Any researcher wishing to do research with individuals supported by Mid-Missouri Supported Living must:

- A. Discuss the intent with the agency’s leadership first then submit an application for research to the Regional Officer director or the designee. Based on the completed application, the department director or designee may exempt the request from Professional Review Committee (PRC) review or send it to PRC. PRC is a ten-(10-) person committee established under section 630.193, RSMo and appointed by the department director or designee to review and recommend approval or disapproval of proposed research projects. It is incumbent on the individual wishing to conduct research to seek and gain approval for research before initiating the project.
- B. Receive formal written approval from the Department prior to initiating the research project.
- C. Receive written approval from the resident, family, and or guardian.
- D. Receive written approval from the Department of Mental Health.

The above-mentioned consent documentation will be incorporated into the individual support plan, as required by 9 CSR 45-3.030 (1)(N).

Mid-Missouri Supported Living does not engage in or encourage participation in research by individuals supported. The decision to do so, or not, is up to the discretion of the legal decision maker, individual or guardian where applicable. In the case of approved research projects, Mid-Missouri Supported Living will ensure that there is documentation of informed consent, confidentiality and the right to refuse to participate, and that the consent is incorporated into the individual support plan as required by 9 CSR 45-3.030 (1)(N). Any research conducted must comply with state and federal guidelines.



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