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<b>SECTION</b> Clinical and Support Services		<b>DESCRIPTION</b> Suicide and Homicide Assessments	
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**APPLICATION:**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Services Provider Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Contractors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interns
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons Served		

**POLICY:**

Lapeer County Community Mental Health (LCCMH) staff will identify, assess and assure the safety of persons served with potential suicide or homicide risk.

**STANDARDS:**

- A. All persons served will be given a standardized suicide or homicide risk assessment when clinically indicated.
- B. Clinical staff will be trained on the use of the suicide and homicide assessments.

**PROCEDURES:**

- A. If a person served answers “yes” to the question in the Biopsychosocial (BPS) Assessment about having recent (within 30 days) thought of wanting to be dead, the primary case holder will complete the Suicide Assessment Five-step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T) with Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)= found in the electronic health record.

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- B. If a person served answers “yes” to the question in the BPS about having recent (within 30 days) thoughts of harming or killing others, the primary case holder will complete the Homicidal Lethality Assessment and SAFE-T with C-SSRS
- C. If a person served indicates or references thoughts of hurting self or wanting to be dead at any time outside of the annual BPS, the primary case holder will complete the Suicide Assessment Five-step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T) with C-SSRS.
- D. If a person served indicates or references thoughts of harming or killing others at any time outside of the annual BPS, the primary case holder will complete the Lethality Assessment found in the electronic medical record and SAFE-T with C-SSRS
- E. If person served completes a Patient Health Questionnaire PHQ-9 with a score of 20 or higher additional screening by staff needs to be completed.
  - a. Prescriber with provide additional assessment during scheduled Medications Reviews and Psychiatric Evaluations. Prescribers will request additional assistance from Triage. Triage staff will complete SAFE-T with C-SSRS.
  - b. A PHQ-9 completed at any other time during the duration of their service, primary case holder will complete SAFE-T with C-SSRS.
- F. If a person served is found to be in crisis after completion of either assessment, the staff notify the Triage Department to facilitate immediate intervention and follow appropriate next steps to ensure safety for the person served.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Suicide: death caused by self-directed injurious behavior with intent to die because of the behavior.

Suicide attempt: a non-fatal, self-directed potentially injurious behavior with intent to die because of the behavior. A suicide attempt might not result in injury.

Suicidal ideation: thinking about, considering, or planning suicide.

Homicide: the deliberate and unlawful killing of one person by another.

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**REFERENCES:**

SAFE-T with C-SSRS - Suicide Assessment Five-step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T) with Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) – found in the electronic health record.

Lethality Assessment - Found in the electronic health record.

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Screening and Access to Services Standards.

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