



Meridian Behavioral Health is committed to maintaining a healthy and productive environment.

At all Meridian facilities, patients will be allowed visitors at all reasonable times from their personal physicians, religious advisor, county case manager, parole or probation officer, or attorney. A patient's right to receive visitors, other than these individuals, are subject to the facility visiting hours, approved items and contraband list, and rules provided below.

Meridian expects persons served, staff members, and visitors to be fit to engage in services without any risk of being impaired or their competence reduced by drugs, alcohol, or medication. The Treatment Director may impose limitations as necessary for the welfare of the patient. Meridian reserves the right to ask visitors to leave if visitors do not follow guidelines. Visitors in violation of these rules may be restricted from future visits.

Prior to visitation, visitors must:

- Sign in with staff at the building entrance and reception area.
- Sign out before leaving the property.
- Have an ID ready. Visitors may be asked for an ID prior to admittance to the facility.
- Read and understand Meridian's approved items and contraband list, along with rules for visitation.
- Be approved for visitation by a member of the counseling team.

Review of the contraband list and rules is required prior to visitation. **Visitors are expected to follow Meridian's rules as follows:**

1. Remain free from intoxication.
 - a. Use of illicit drugs by anyone on premises is prohibited. This includes marijuana in any form.
 - b. Under no circumstances is possessing, selling, distributing, or trafficking allowed on Meridian property or during business.
 - c. If illegal drugs are brought into the facility, the appropriate authorities will be immediately notified. The Treatment Director and/or their designee will be informed, with follow up review of the person served or visitor's appropriateness for ongoing program participation.
2. Violence of any kind or damage to property will not be tolerated. In certain situations, law enforcement may be called, and ongoing program participation reviewed.
3. Meridian bans guns and weapons on property.
4. Unless approved by staff, visitors are not permitted to bring medication into the facility.
 - a. If approved to bring in medication (e.g: insulin in the case of diabetes), medications will be kept in the in the original container, safely secured, and out of sight (e.g., in pockets, purses, or in a locked container or drawer.)
5. Visitors are not permitted to bring cigarettes, vapes, e-cigarettes, and chew into the facility.
 - a. Meridian Behavioral Health prohibits the use of all tobacco products, including vapes and e-cigarettes, secondhand smoke, tobacco litter, and chew throughout the facility and property, *except for designated outdoor smoking areas and personal vehicles.*
6. Meridian values the privacy of persons served.
 - a. Cameras, cell phones, tablets, or other personal computers are not permitted in the facility. Any items should be left in personal vehicles.
 - b. Pictures, video, and audio recordings are strictly prohibited on premises.
 - c. Meridian works to ensure reasonable privacy during visitation at the facility; if a more private conversation is needed, a private room may be reserved for conversations, but the door will remain open during visitation.
7. Any property brought into the facility is subject to search by treatment staff.
 - a. Any property or items brought in for the patient must be approved by staff.



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- b. Non approved items must be left in personal vehicles.
 - c. Review the approved items and contraband list for clarification.
- 8. Meridian assumes no responsibility for lost and/or damaged property.
- 9. Only sealed food and beverage items are permitted to be brought into the facility. Homemade, and non-sealed items are not permitted.
- 10. Visitation must occur within the designated facility space or on designated property.
 - a. Visiting is not allowed in vehicles.
 - b. Visitors are not permitted in personal resident bathrooms.
- 11. More than 4 visitors a day is not permitted. Limitations on number of visitors at a time may be imposed by program staff, based on facility space. Additional children will be accommodated.
 - a. Visitors must be approved in advance by staff.
 - b. Children must be always supervised by another visitor while on Meridian property.
 - c. All staff members are mandated reporters and therefore adhere to reporting procedures for abused and/or neglected minors.