

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial Public Comment Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this policy is to update the requirements of the Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW) to include a completed MichiCANS Comprehensive that indicates SEDW eligibility and remove the requirement for the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) score.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To include the requirement of a completed MichiCANS Comprehensive assessment to determine SEDW eligibility.

Budget implication:

- budget neutral
- will cost MDHHS \$ _____ , and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation
- will save MDHHS \$ _____

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

No.

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

MDHHS is implementing the MichiCANS to support other programs and operations within MDHHS including (1) service planning within the State Hospital Administration, (2) level of care determinations for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, (3) screening of children entering in the foster care system, and (3) level of care determinations for Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

Summary of input:

- controversial (Explain)
- acceptable to most/all groups
- limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please provide status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: _____ Approval Date: _____	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Submission Date: _____
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DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT		
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Project Number: 2429-BCCHPS	Date: August 29, 2024

Comments Due: October 3, 2024

Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2024

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<p>Policy Subject: Implementation of MichiCANS</p> <p>Affected Programs: Medicaid, Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW)</p> <p>Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders</p> <p>Summary: This policy modifies the eligibility requirements for the Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW) outlined in BEM 172. The child must be under age 18 when approved for the waiver, unmarried, a current patient in a psychiatric hospital or at risk of such placement; must demonstrate serious functional limitations that impair ability to function in the community; and must have a completed MichiCANS Comprehensive that indicates SEDW eligibility and meets Medicaid Provider Manual eligibility criteria as determined by the local Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP).</p> <p>Purpose: To provide information about the implementation of the MichiCANS tool effective October 1, 2024</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None identified</p>

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Tribal Notification: Yes No - Date:

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> No Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/> See Comments Below
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Introduction

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is a comprehensive information integration tool designed to summarize and organize information gathered from multiple sources and assessments. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is implementing a Michigan-specific version of the tool, which will be known as the MichiCANS. Effective October 1, 2024, MDHHS will require Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) to use the MichiCANS to support potential eligibility for services, assist with initial determination of needs and strengths, and provide information for appropriate referrals for behavioral health services.

General Description

This policy modifies the eligibility requirements for the Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW) outlined in BEM 172 to include the use of the MichiCANS. The child must be under age 18 when approved for the waiver, unmarried, a current patient in a psychiatric hospital or at risk of such placement; must demonstrate serious functional limitations that impair ability to function in the community; and must have a completed MichiCANS Comprehensive review that indicates SED waiver eligibility and meets Medicaid Provider Manual eligibility criteria as determined by the local Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP). This policy update removes the requirement for the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) score.

This policy removes outdated references to the Bureau of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDDA) and replaces with references to the current Bureau of Children's Coordinated Health Policy and Supports (BCCHPS). It also removes outdated references to Medical Services Administration (MSA) and replaces with reference to the current Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration (BPHASA).

The updated policy removes the criteria that a child must require a level of care in the state psychiatric hospital (Hawthorne Center) and replaces with a requirement that a child must meet the criteria for admission to a state inpatient psychiatric hospital.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Megan Belonga at BelongaM@michigan.gov.

Please include "Implementation of MichiCANS" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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Approved



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