

**Michigan Department of Community Health  
CAHC - School Wellness Program (SWP)  
Minimum Program Requirements**

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**Services**

1. The School Wellness Program (SWP) shall be open and providing services a minimum of 30 hours per week. Services shall include individual health services that:
  - a) fall within the current, recognized scope of registered nurse practice in Michigan and
  - b) meet the current, recognized standards of care for children and/or adolescents; individual and group health education using evidence-based curricula and interventions; school staff training and professional development relevant to these areas; case management and/or referral to other needed primary care and specialty medical services. The specific services provided shall be determined through a local needs assessment process. These services shall not supplant existing services.
2. Two focus areas with a minimum of two health education programs/interventions shall be provided to the target population, using evidence-based curricula/interventions. At least one focus area must be mental health (*See Attachment 2*).
3. The SWP shall develop a plan, in conjunction with appropriate school administration and personnel, to provide training and professional development to teachers and school staff in areas relevant to the SWP and school-specific needs.
4. The SWP shall provide a minimum of 16 hours per week of direct mental health services. Mental health services provided shall fall within the scope of practice of the licensed mental health provider and shall meet the current, recognized standards of mental health practice for care and treatment of children and/or adolescents. The specific services provided shall be determined through a local needs assessment process. These services shall not supplant existing services.
5. The SWP shall not, as part of the services offered, provide abortion counseling, services, or make referrals for abortion services.
6. The SWP shall not prescribe, dispense or otherwise distribute family planning drugs and/or devices on school property.
7. The SWP shall provide Medicaid outreach services to eligible youth and families and shall adhere to Child and Adolescent Health Centers and Programs (CAHCPs) outreach activities 1 and 2 as outlined in MSA 04-13.
8. Services provided shall not breach the confidentiality of the client.

### **Staffing/Clinical Care**

9. The SWP shall have a Michigan-licensed physician as a medical director who, through a signed letter of agreement, supervises the general individual nursing services provided to individuals. Written standing orders and protocols approved by the medical director shall be available for use as needed.
10. The SWP shall have a registered nurse (preferably with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and experience working with child/adolescent populations) on staff, working under the general supervision of a physician during all hours of clinic operation. The registered nurse shall preferably be certified or be eligible for certification as a professional school nurse in Michigan.
11. The SWP nursing staff shall adhere to medical orders/treatment plans written by the prescribing physician and/or standing orders/medical protocols written by other health care providers for individuals requiring health supervision while in school.
12. The SWP shall have a mental health provider on staff. The mental health provider shall hold a minimum master's level degree in an appropriate discipline and shall be licensed to practice in Michigan. Supervision must be available for all licensed providers and provided for any master's level provider while completing hours towards licensure.
13. All SWP program staff and contractors shall have proper liability insurance coverage.
14. The SWP staff shall provide services in no more than two school buildings. The SWP services shall be available during hours accessible to its target population.
15. The SWP nurse to student ratio shall be no more than 1 FTE: 750 students. A minimum of 350 students must be served.

### **Administrative**

16. Written approval by the school administration and local school board exists for the following:
  - a) location of the SWP within the school building;
  - b) administration of a needs assessment process for students in the school;
  - c) administration of or access to a needs assessment for teachers/staff;
  - d) parental consent policy; and
  - e) services rendered through the SWP.
17. A current interagency agreement shall define the roles and responsibilities between the local school district and medical organization; and the school-based health center, if one exists in the same school district.
18. Policies and procedures shall be implemented regarding proper notification of parents, school officials, and/or other health care providers when additional care is needed or when further evaluation is recommended. Policies and procedures regarding notification and exchange of information shall comply with all applicable laws e.g., HIPAA, FERPA and Michigan statutes governing minors' rights to access

care.

19. The SWP shall implement a quality assurance plan. Components of the plan shall include at a minimum:

- a. ongoing record reviews by peers to determine that conformity exists with current standards of practice. A system shall be in place to implement corrective actions when deficiencies are noted;
- b. completing, updating, or having access to a needs assessment completed within the last three years to determine the health needs of the student population and of the school environment; and
- c. conducting a client satisfaction survey/assessment at least once annually.

20. A community advisory committee shall be established and operated as follows:

- a. a minimum of two meetings per year;
- b. the committee must be representative of the community(school and other) and must be comprised of at least 50% members of the community; one-third of members must be parents of school-aged children and youth;
- c. health care providers shall not represent more than 50% of the committee;
- d. the committee should recommend the implementation and types of services rendered by the SWP.
- e. the committee must approve the following policies:
  - i. parental consent;
  - ii. custody of individual records, requests for records, and release of information that include the role of the non-custodial parent and parents with joint custody;
  - iii. confidential services; and
  - iv. disclosure by clients or evidence of child physical or sexual abuse, and/or neglect.

### **Physical Environment**

21. The SWP shall have space and equipment adequate for private visits, private counseling, secured storage for supplies and equipment, and secure paper and electronic client records. The physical facility must be barrier-free, clean and safe.

22. The SWP shall follow all Occupational Safety and Health Act guidelines to ensure protection of SWP personnel and the public.

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**CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTERS  
CLINICAL AND ALTERNATIVE CLINICAL MODELS  
Attachment 1: Services Detail**

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The following health services are required (\*or recommended) as part of the Child and Adolescent Health Center service delivery plan:

PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

- Well child care
- EPSDT screenings and exams
- Comprehensive physical exams
- Risk assessment/other screening
- Laboratory services
  1. CLIA Waived testing
  2. Specimen collection for outside lab testing
  3. Office microscopy
- Vision screening
- Hearing screening
- \*Other diagnostic/screening
  1. Spirometry
  2. Pulse oximetry
  3. Tympanometry

ILLNESS/INJURY CARE

- Minor injury assessment/treatment and follow up
- Acute illness assessment/ treatment and follow up &/or referral

CHRONIC CONDITIONS CARE

- Includes assessment, diagnosis and treatment of a new condition
- Maintenance of existing conditions based on need, collaborations with PCP/specialist or client/parental request
- Chronic conditions may include: asthma, diabetes, sickle cell, hypertension, obesity, metabolic syndrome, depression, allergy, skin conditions or other specific to a population

IMMUNIZATIONS

- Screening and assessment utilizing the MCIR and other data
- Complete range of immunizations for the target population utilizing Vaccine for Children and private stock
- Administration of immunizations
- Appropriate protocols, equipment, medication to handle vaccine reactions

## HEALTH EDUCATION

### STI & HIV EDUCATION, COUNSELING, & VOLUNTARY TESTING (Adolescent Centers Only)

- Education appropriate for age, other demographics of the target population, and needs assessment data
- Risk assessment, historical and physical assessment data informs individualized care
- A certified HIV counselor/tester is on site
- Testing for and treatment of STI and testing and referral for HIV treatment is on site

### “CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES” AS DEFINED BY MICHIGAN AND/OR FEDERAL LAW (Adolescent Centers Only)

- Confidential services are those services that may be obtained by minors without parental consent
- Confidential services include: mental health counseling, pregnancy testing & services, STI/HIV testing and treatment, substance abuse counseling and treatment, family planning (excluding contraceptive prescription/distribution on school property).

## REFERRAL

- PCP, specialists, psychiatrists, dental, community agencies, etc.

## REQUIRED FOR ELEMENTARY CENTERS ONLY

- Mental Health services/programming provided by a Masters level mental health provider.
- Dental services or referral for dental care.

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## **CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTERS**

### ***Attachment 2: Focus Areas***

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Each year, health centers and SWPs should review their needs assessment data to determine at least two priority health issues that are of such significance to their target population to warrant an *enhanced* “focus” for the upcoming year. Each center is required to pick 2 of the following focus area categories, and implement at least two evidence based programs or clinical interventions to begin to address the needs within each selected area.

#### **FOCUS AREAS**

- PREGNANCY PREVENTION
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION
- HIV/AIDS/STI PREVENTION
- ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/OTHER DRUG CESSATION
- CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT
- MENTAL HEALTH

Focus areas are meant to provide services above and beyond what would typically be provided in comprehensive primary care. It is expected that each of these focus areas will be a part of comprehensive primary care already, but those selected for the focus area requirement should be significantly beyond typical care. Strategies should be intensive, evidence-based, and include appropriate evaluation methods to assess impact and progress on meeting focus areas.

*Note: Elementary CAHCs are required to pick two focus areas in addition to mental health as it is a required service. SWPs are required to pick one focus area in addition to the required mental health component.*