

Bulletin: MSA 10-17

Distribution: Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP)/Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP)

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Subject: Revise Eligibility Criteria for the Children's Serious Emotional Disturbance Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (SEDW); Add New Waiver Services for the SEDW and the Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program for Children with Developmental Disabilities (CWP)

Effective: As Stated

Programs Affected: SEDW and CWP

Based on the directive from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has obtained approval for several revisions to the SEDW. Effective January 1, 2010, the eligibility criteria for the SEDW are revised. Effective June 1, 2010, new services are added to the SEDW and the CWP. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of the details of these revisions.

Revise Eligibility Criteria for the SEDW

The maximum age a consumer is eligible for the SEDW is increased through age 19 (under circumstances specified below), additional "residential" criteria are added, and a measure of functional limitation is specified for children age 3 to 7. Additional eligibility criteria are:

1. The child may:
 - Live in foster care in a non-participating county pursuant to placement by the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS) or the court of a participating county, with SEDW oversight by a participating county's CMHSP;
 - Reside in a family foster home with a permanency plan; or
 - Be age 18 or age 19 and live independently with supports.
2. Functional limitations for children age 3 to 7 may be demonstrated by elevated Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale (PECFAS®) subscale scores in at least one of the these areas: self-harmful behaviors, mood/emotions, thinking/communicating or behavior towards others.
3. A child can remain on the waiver up to his/her 20th birthday if all of the following criteria are met:
 - The child was under the age of 18 when approved for the waiver, and
 - The child continues to meet all non-age-related eligibility criteria and continues to need waiver services.

Two (2) New Waiver Services are Approved for Children/Youth Enrolled in the SEDW

CMS has approved the following new services for the SEDW:

1. Family Support and Training

This service is provided by a peer-parent who has completed specialized training. It is a family-focused service provided to families (birth or adoptive parents, siblings, relatives, foster family, and other unpaid caregivers) of children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) for the purpose of assisting the family in relating to and caring for a child with SED. The services target the family members who are caring for and/or living with a child receiving waiver services. The service is to be used in cases where the child is hindered or at risk of being hindered in his ability to achieve goals of: performing activities of daily living, improving functioning across life domain areas, perceiving, controlling, or communicating with the environment in which he lives, or improving his inclusion and participation in the community or productive activity, or opportunities for independent living.

Coverage includes: education and training, including instructions about treatment regimens to safely maintain the child at home as specified in the individual plan of service (POS), and peer support provided by a trained peer-parent, one-on-one or in a group, for assistance with identifying coping strategies for successfully caring for or living with a person with SED.

Parent-to-Parent Support is designed to support parents/families of children with SED as part of the treatment process to be empowered, confident and have skills that will enable them to assist their child to improve in functioning. The trained peer-parent support partner has had or currently has a child with special mental health needs, provides education, training, and support and augments the assessment and mental health treatment process. The peer-parent support partner provides these services to the enrolled child's parents and their family. These activities are provided in the home and in the community.

The peer-parent support partner must complete the MDCH-approved statewide training curriculum and be provided regular supervision and team consultation by the treating professionals. Completion of the training curriculum is documented by a *Certificate of Completion*, which must be maintained in the parent support partner's personnel file.

2. Therapeutic Activities

A therapeutic activity is an alternative service that can be used in lieu of, or in combination with, traditional professional services. The focus of therapeutic activities is to interact with the child to accomplish the goals identified in the POS. The POS ensures the child's health, safety and skill development and maintains the child in the community. Services must be directly related to an identified goal in the POS. Providers are identified through the wraparound planning process and participate in the development of a POS based on strengths, needs and preferences of the child and family. Therapeutic activities may include the following: child and family training, coaching and supervision, monitoring of progress related to goals and objectives, and recommending changes to the POS. Services provided under Therapeutic Activities include: music therapy, recreation therapy, and art therapy.

The training, coaching, supervision and monitoring activities provided under this service are specific to music, art and recreation therapy, and must be provided by providers with the qualifications listed below.

Recreation therapy must be provided by a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist credentialed by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC). Music therapy must be provided by a Board Certified Music Therapist (MT-BC) or by a music therapist listed on the National Music Therapy Registry (NMTR). Art therapy must be provided by a Registered Art Therapist who is Board Certified (ATR-BC).

Additional Services for Children and Youth Enrolled in the SEDW and the CWP

1. The following Medicaid Mental Health State Plan Service is added to the SEDW Database as a service that can be billed Fee-for-Service for children/youth enrolled in the SEDW:
 - Non-Medical Transportation

2. The following Medicaid Mental Health State Plan Service is added to the CWP Database as a service that can be billed Fee-for-Service for children/youth enrolled in the CWP:
 - Mental Health Assessment, by Non-Physician

The appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes must be billed in accordance with current policy and procedure in order to be paid for the services described in this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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