

Medicaid Autism Services

(FY2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

March 1, 2021

Sec. 960. (1) *From the funds appropriated in part 1 for autism services, the department shall continue to cover all Medicaid autism services to Medicaid enrollees eligible for the services that were covered on January 1, 2019.*

(2) *To restrain cost increases in the autism services line item, the department shall do all of the following:*

(a) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, develop and implement specific written guidance for standardization of Medicaid PIHPs and CMHSPs autism spectrum disorder administrative services, including, but not limited to, reporting requirements, coding, and reciprocity of credentialing and training between PIHPs and CMHSPs to reduce administrative duplication at the PIHP, CMHSP, and service provider levels.*

(b) *Require consultation with the client's evaluation diagnostician and PIHP to approve the client's ongoing therapy for 3 years, unless the client's evaluation diagnostician recommended an evaluation prior to the 3 years or if a clinician on the treatment team recommended an evaluation for the client prior to the third year.*

(c) *Limit the authority to perform a diagnostic evaluation for Medicaid autism services to qualified licensed practitioners. Qualified licensed practitioners are limited to the following:*

(i) *A physician with a specialty in psychiatry or neurology.*

(ii) *A physician with a subspecialty in developmental pediatrics, development-behavioral pediatrics, or a related discipline.*

(iii) *A physician with a specialty in pediatrics or other appropriate specialty with training, experience, or expertise in autism spectrum disorders or behavioral health.*

(iv) *A psychologist with a specialty in clinical child psychology, behavioral and cognitive psychology, or clinical neuropsychology, or other appropriate specialty with training, experience, or expertise in autism spectrum disorders or behavioral health.*

(v) *A clinical social worker with at least 1 year of experience working within his or her scope of practice who is qualified and experienced in diagnosing autism spectrum disorders.*

(vi) *An advanced practice registered nurse with training, experience, or expertise in autism spectrum disorders or behavioral health.*

(vii) *A physician assistant with training, experience, or expertise in autism spectrum disorders or behavioral health.*

(d) *Require that a client whose initial diagnosis was performed by a diagnostician with master's level credentials should have their diagnosis and treatment recommendations reviewed by a physician, psychiatric nurse practitioner, or fully credentialed psychologist.*

(e) *Allow and expand the utilization of telemedicine and telepsychiatry to increase access to diagnostic evaluation services.*

(f) Prohibit CMHSPs from allowing specific providers to provide both diagnosis and treatment services to individual clients.

(g) Coordinate with the department of insurance and financial services oversight for compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici mental health parity and addiction equity act of 2008, Public Law 110-343, as it relates to autism spectrum disorder services, to ensure appropriate cost sharing between public and private payers.

(h) Require that Medicaid eligibility be confirmed through prior evaluations conducted by physicians, psychiatric nurse practitioners, or fully credentialed psychologists to the extent possible.

(i) Maintain regular statewide provider trainings on autism spectrum disorder standard clinical best practice guidelines for treatment and diagnostic services.

(3) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office on total autism services spending broken down by PIHP, and CMHSP for the previous fiscal year and current fiscal year; and total administrative costs broken down by PIHP, CMHSP, and type of administrative cost for the previous fiscal year and current fiscal year.



Section 960(3) PA 166 of 2020

Overview

Pursuant of Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act, Michigan is required to ensure access to [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment \(EPSDT\) services](#) for all eligible infants, children and adolescents under the age of 21. This includes children enrolled in Medicaid with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)¹, a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.² Michigan Medicaid covers Behavioral Health Treatment, including Applied Behavior Analysis services, which is recognized as the most effective treatment for children, adolescents, and adults with ASD, in accordance with the State's shared responsibility to implement the EPSDT benefit along with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The goal of EPSDT is to assure early detection and care as soon as possible to address health problems before they become advanced and treatments are more difficult and costlier to manage.³ Section 960 of PA 166 of 2020 requires the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to continue to cover all Medicaid autism services to eligible enrollees, restrain cost increases in the autism service line item and report on total autism services spending for the previous and current fiscal year and total administrative costs broken down by Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) and Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP) for the previous and current fiscal year.

As commissioned by Section 960 please see the Medicaid Actuarial⁴ summary tables below for the total autism spending and total administrative costs, noting type⁵, for the previous fiscal year and current fiscal year broken down by PIHP and CMHSP county.

¹ CMS, CMCS Informational Bulletin (July 7, 2014), Clarification of Medicaid Coverage of Services to Children with Autism. Retrieved from <https://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/CIB-07-07-14.pdf>

² CDC, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/facts.html>

³ CMS, State Medicaid Manual §§ 5010, 5121, 5310 (requiring states to "[a]ssure that health problems found are diagnosed and treated early, before they become more complex and their treatment more costly, . . . that informing methods are effective, . . . [and] that services covered under Medicaid are available.")

⁴ MDHHS, MSA Medicaid Actuarial data extract 02/24/2021

⁵ MDHHS, MSA Medicaid Actuarial defined admin types, 1) Total Overall Costs = Base Cost + Variable ASD Admin + Fixed Admin, 2) Total Admin Costs = Variable ASD Admin

Table 1: FY20 Costs by PIHP

PIHP Name	Overall Costs	Admin Costs
CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan	\$ 12,896,682	\$ 562,433
Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority	\$ 69,275,195	\$ 3,024,737
Lakeshore Regional Entity	\$ 31,083,868	\$ 1,356,043
Macomb County CMH Services	\$ 18,526,488	\$ 809,202
Mid-State Health Network	\$ 45,589,745	\$ 1,986,349
NorthCare Network	\$ 5,606,233	\$ 244,783
Northern Michigan Regional Entity	\$ 13,229,586	\$ 576,437
Oakland County CMH Authority	\$ 20,074,320	\$ 874,246
Region 10 PIHP	\$ 24,075,926	\$ 1,049,314
Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health	\$ 21,358,181	\$ 932,505
Grand Total	\$ 261,716,223	\$ 11,416,049

Table 2: FY21 Costs by PIHP⁶

PIHP Name	Overall Costs	Admin Costs
CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan	\$ 4,943,920	\$ 222,739
Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority	\$ 26,179,923	\$ 1,179,437
Lakeshore Regional Entity	\$ 12,058,854	\$ 543,435
Macomb County CMH Services	\$ 7,189,305	\$ 323,858
Mid-State Health Network	\$ 17,205,540	\$ 775,042
NorthCare Network	\$ 2,164,914	\$ 97,506
Northern Michigan Regional Entity	\$ 5,062,351	\$ 228,034
Oakland County CMH Authority	\$ 7,767,901	\$ 349,906
Region 10 PIHP	\$ 9,047,476	\$ 407,611
Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health	\$ 8,202,674	\$ 369,556
Grand Total	\$ 99,822,857	\$ 4,497,124

⁶ FY21 costs reflect the data for the current fiscal year October 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021

Table 3: FY20 Costs by County

County	Overall Costs	Admin Costs
ALCONA	\$ 304,340	\$ 13,226
ALGER	\$ 150,717	\$ 6,585
ALLEGAN	\$ 2,513,089	\$ 109,704
ALPENA	\$ 970,388	\$ 42,180
ANTRIM	\$ 516,351	\$ 22,534
ARENAC	\$ 506,035	\$ 22,021
BARAGA	\$ 142,507	\$ 6,222
BARRY	\$ 988,445	\$ 43,221
BAY	\$ 2,991,766	\$ 130,238
BENZIE	\$ 370,048	\$ 16,151
BERRIEN	\$ 4,138,955	\$ 180,699
BRANCH	\$ 1,074,313	\$ 47,017
CALHOUN	\$ 4,164,939	\$ 181,672
CASS	\$ 1,174,496	\$ 51,381
CHARLEVOIX	\$ 493,922	\$ 21,549
CHEBOYGAN	\$ 781,335	\$ 34,030
CHIPPEWA	\$ 634,747	\$ 27,678
CLARE	\$ 1,204,151	\$ 52,414
CLINTON	\$ 1,056,384	\$ 46,141
CRAWFORD	\$ 455,734	\$ 19,835
DELTA	\$ 793,089	\$ 34,592
DICKINSON	\$ 490,683	\$ 21,442
EATON	\$ 2,022,545	\$ 88,282
EMMET	\$ 568,009	\$ 24,787
GENESEE	\$ 16,865,326	\$ 734,696
GLADWIN	\$ 808,294	\$ 35,155
GOGEBIC	\$ 385,402	\$ 16,801
GRAND TRAVERSE	\$ 1,597,737	\$ 69,722
GRATIOT	\$ 1,145,656	\$ 49,962
HILLSDALE	\$ 1,381,230	\$ 60,241
HOUGHTON	\$ 593,637	\$ 26,029
HURON	\$ 734,433	\$ 32,005
INGHAM	\$ 7,624,769	\$ 332,269
IONIA	\$ 1,458,109	\$ 63,641
IOSCO	\$ 833,005	\$ 36,278
IRON	\$ 283,830	\$ 12,388
ISABELLA	\$ 1,328,069	\$ 57,917
JACKSON	\$ 4,562,022	\$ 198,839
KALAMAZOO	\$ 6,011,710	\$ 262,130
KALKASKA	\$ 542,553	\$ 23,662

County	Overall Costs	Admin Costs
KENT	\$ 16,154,591	\$ 704,880
KEWEENAW	\$ 30,211	\$ 1,322
LAKE	\$ 566,495	\$ 24,611
LAPEER	\$ 1,743,822	\$ 76,180
LEELANAU	\$ 196,532	\$ 8,606
LENAWEE	\$ 2,264,873	\$ 98,860
LIVINGSTON	\$ 1,973,737	\$ 86,158
LUCE	\$ 152,697	\$ 6,656
MACKINAC	\$ 172,333	\$ 7,506
MACOMB	\$ 18,526,488	\$ 809,202
MANISTEE	\$ 640,986	\$ 27,917
MARQUETTE	\$ 1,056,268	\$ 46,139
MASON	\$ 780,050	\$ 34,014
MECOSTA	\$ 1,138,602	\$ 49,604
MENOMINEE	\$ 401,762	\$ 17,560
MIDLAND	\$ 1,740,657	\$ 75,880
MISSAUKEE	\$ 429,234	\$ 18,747
MONROE	\$ 3,076,812	\$ 134,277
MONTCALM	\$ 2,001,382	\$ 87,239
MONTMORENCY	\$ 305,005	\$ 13,264
MUSKEGON	\$ 6,551,286	\$ 285,376
NEWAYGO	\$ 1,676,601	\$ 73,072
OAKLAND	\$ 20,074,320	\$ 874,246
OCEANA	\$ 838,409	\$ 36,639
OGEMAW	\$ 810,532	\$ 35,266
ONTONAGON	\$ 111,514	\$ 4,846
OSCEOLA	\$ 803,480	\$ 34,990
OSCODA	\$ 324,090	\$ 14,091
OTSEGO	\$ 745,755	\$ 32,502
OTTAWA	\$ 3,679,949	\$ 160,819
PRESQUE ISLE	\$ 336,242	\$ 14,621
ROSCOMMON	\$ 862,080	\$ 37,490
SAGINAW	\$ 7,987,491	\$ 347,417
SAINT CLAIR	\$ 4,353,355	\$ 189,867
SAINT JOSEPH	\$ 1,618,159	\$ 70,824
SANILAC	\$ 1,113,423	\$ 48,571
SCHOOLCRAFT	\$ 206,836	\$ 9,016
SHIAWASSEE	\$ 1,876,646	\$ 81,843
TUSCOLA	\$ 1,541,423	\$ 67,178
VAN BUREN	\$ 2,187,163	\$ 95,562
WASHTENAW	\$ 5,581,260	\$ 243,138
WAYNE	\$ 69,275,195	\$ 3,024,737
WEXFORD	\$ 1,145,707	\$ 49,979
Grand Total	\$ 261,716,223	\$ 11,416,049

Table 4: FY21 Costs by County⁷

County	Overall Costs	Admin Costs
ALCONA	\$ 113,978	\$ 5,131
ALGER	\$ 58,707	\$ 2,643
ALLEGAN	\$ 985,661	\$ 44,419
ALPENA	\$ 359,129	\$ 16,166
ANTRIM	\$ 202,182	\$ 9,111
ARENAC	\$ 187,438	\$ 8,441
BARAGA	\$ 56,506	\$ 2,548
BARRY	\$ 394,713	\$ 17,785
BAY	\$ 1,119,976	\$ 50,435
BENZIE	\$ 145,186	\$ 6,542
BERRIEN	\$ 1,583,116	\$ 71,321
BRANCH	\$ 425,086	\$ 19,158
CALHOUN	\$ 1,590,420	\$ 71,637
CASS	\$ 455,327	\$ 20,521
CHARLEVOIX	\$ 191,881	\$ 8,647
CHEBOYGAN	\$ 291,801	\$ 13,144
CHIPPEWA	\$ 249,151	\$ 11,228
CLARE	\$ 447,571	\$ 20,154
CLINTON	\$ 410,071	\$ 18,479
CRAWFORD	\$ 172,899	\$ 7,786
DELTA	\$ 300,527	\$ 13,532
DICKINSON	\$ 190,577	\$ 8,582
EATON	\$ 777,984	\$ 35,054
EMMET	\$ 220,667	\$ 9,949
GENESEE	\$ 6,312,680	\$ 284,395
GLADWIN	\$ 300,479	\$ 13,527
GOGEBIC	\$ 147,619	\$ 6,645
GRAND TRAVERSE	\$ 629,007	\$ 28,346
GRATIOT	\$ 433,188	\$ 19,517
HILLSDALE	\$ 524,880	\$ 23,648
HOUGHTON	\$ 235,285	\$ 10,603
HURON	\$ 277,302	\$ 12,486
INGHAM	\$ 2,843,987	\$ 128,124

⁷ FY21 costs reflect the data for the current fiscal year October 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021

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IONIA	\$ 561,153	\$ 25,283
IOSCO	\$ 312,090	\$ 14,055
IRON	\$ 107,329	\$ 4,832
ISABELLA	\$ 508,937	\$ 22,930
JACKSON	\$ 1,720,919	\$ 77,528
KALAMAZOO	\$ 2,284,383	\$ 102,909
KALKASKA	\$ 206,534	\$ 9,304
KENT	\$ 6,261,208	\$ 282,197
KEWEENAW	\$ 11,712	\$ 527
LAKE	\$ 212,906	\$ 9,584
LAPEER	\$ 678,768	\$ 30,588
LEELANAU	\$ 79,133	\$ 3,571
LENAWEE	\$ 854,563	\$ 38,501
LIVINGSTON	\$ 772,823	\$ 34,823
LUCE	\$ 57,963	\$ 2,610
MACKINAC	\$ 66,521	\$ 2,999
MACOMB	\$ 7,189,305	\$ 323,858
MANISTEE	\$ 249,471	\$ 11,238
MARQUETTE	\$ 406,245	\$ 18,298
MASON	\$ 304,795	\$ 13,729
MECOSTA	\$ 444,894	\$ 20,041
MENOMINEE	\$ 157,610	\$ 7,098
MIDLAND	\$ 658,910	\$ 29,676
MISSAUKEE	\$ 165,637	\$ 7,464
MONROE	\$ 1,183,541	\$ 53,319
MONTCALM	\$ 771,909	\$ 34,774
MONTMORENCY	\$ 116,390	\$ 5,239
MUSKEGON	\$ 2,489,571	\$ 112,155
NEWAYGO	\$ 644,721	\$ 29,041
OAKLAND	\$ 7,767,901	\$ 349,906
OCEANA	\$ 321,987	\$ 14,520
OGEMAW	\$ 304,272	\$ 13,700
ONTONAGON	\$ 41,693	\$ 1,875
OSCEOLA	\$ 306,503	\$ 13,805
OSCODA	\$ 122,728	\$ 5,527
OTSEGO	\$ 283,792	\$ 12,784
OTTAWA	\$ 1,482,726	\$ 66,830
PRESQUE ISLE	\$ 124,235	\$ 5,592
ROSCOMMON	\$ 324,125	\$ 14,591

County	Overall Costs	Admin Costs
SAGINAW	\$ 2,974,173	\$ 133,957
SAINT CLAIR	\$ 1,628,541	\$ 73,370
SAINT JOSEPH	\$ 632,830	\$ 28,526
SANILAC	\$ 427,487	\$ 19,258
SCHOOLCRAFT	\$ 77,471	\$ 3,489
SHIAWASSEE	\$ 704,859	\$ 31,760
TUSCOLA	\$ 585,687	\$ 26,381
VAN BUREN	\$ 836,799	\$ 37,700
WASHTENAW	\$ 2,132,992	\$ 96,097
WAYNE	\$ 26,179,923	\$ 1,179,437
WEXFORD	\$ 447,213	\$ 20,147
Grand Total	\$ 99,822,857	\$ 4,497,124