

The Intent of 31n Legislative Funding

- The overall intent of this 31n funding is to enhance and expand the availability of mental health services and supports to K-12 students. Services are provided to students with behavioral and mental health issues who are not already receiving those services through an IEP/IFSP. Appropriate referrals for students in need of more intensive services through the Community Mental Health system, other community provider(s), or Special Education, can also be offered.
- 31n(6) funds should be used for expansion of existing services or to start new mental health services in schools where there is a gap in available resources. Schools can contract with an external organization to provide onsite mental health services within the school, or they can hire ISD or school district staff directly.
- Funding can be used to expand or hire the following professionals (others may also be hired **with prior approval** from MDE or MDHHS).

•Psychiatrist; •Licensed master's level psychologist; •Limited licensed master's level psychologist, under the supervision of a licensed master's level psychologist; •School psychologist; •Licensed master's level marriage and family therapist; •Licensed master's level professional counselor; •Limited licensed master's level professional counselor, under the supervision of a licensed master's level professional counselor; •Licensed master's level social worker; •Licensed master's level school social worker; •Limited licensed master's level social worker, under the supervision of a licensed master's level social worker •Board Certified Behavior Analyst •Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst •

- Psychological, Counseling, Behavioral, and Social Work services may be provided in an individual or group setting by qualified providers who meet the requirements of, and in accordance with, 42 CFR §440,50, through §440,60(a) and other applicable state and federal law or regulations. If students are Medicaid eligible, and services are provided by someone on the Direct Services Staff Pool list, those services must be billed.
- All mental health services funded through this subsection must follow Michigan's Mental Health Code, adhere to standards of care for the provision of mental health services, including timely client records documentation (assessment, screening tools as indicated, treatment plan and treatment plan review as warranted, consents, releases of information as necessary, and referrals). Provisions must also be in place for appropriate supervision. Confidentiality and privacy laws must be communicated to students, their families, and school staff, and must be maintained.

Funding under this subsection can be used to support the following services:

- Administer a comprehensive behavioral health assessment including the use of screening tools
- Development of a treatment plan/plan of care, with input from student and parents/caregivers as appropriate
- Behavior health interventions to enhance the psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and social factors important for the prevention, treatment, or management of behavioral health concerns
- Behavioral Health (non-academic) Counseling services
- Psychotherapy
- Assess the effectiveness of the delivered services toward achieving the student driven goals and objectives via treatment service plan review
- Assess needs for additional counseling services, making referrals when appropriate to Community Mental Health System
- Crisis intervention
- Psycho-education services provided to assist student and parents/caregivers in understanding student diagnosis, behavioral health needs, and support services offered
- Case Management/Care Coordination