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31aa and 31n Webinar

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Agenda

- Quick Overview
- Section 31aa—School Mental Health and School Safety
 - Highlights of the Legislation
- Section 31n—School-Based Mental Health and Support Services
 - Highlights of the Legislation
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Q & A



Quick Overview

31aa

- Several updates for Fiscal Year 25
- Includes school mental health and school safety
- Eligible recipients include districts, non-publics, ISDs and Michigan School for the Deaf
- Awards will be based on per-pupil funding
 - ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$17.60/student
- Final expenditure report due June 1, 2025

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- Funds are to be used for mental health and support services for general education students
- Must seek federal Medicaid match funding for all eligible services
- Providers should be placed on appropriate staff pool list
- Funds are allocated to ISDs and they can reallocate funds to constituent districts within the boundaries of their ISD



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**31aa
Mental
Health
and School
Safety**

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- Funding will be distributed based on pupil counts and the number of recipients that opt-in.
- To obtain your **ESTIMATED AWARD**, take your current student count and multiply it by \$17.60/student.
- \$26.5 million from state school aid fund and general fund.
 - \$25 million from State School Aid recurring
 - \$1.5 million for Non-Publics non-recurring
- Eligible applicants are districts, intermediate districts, nonpublic schools, and the Michigan School for the Deaf.
- Activities to improve student mental health and improve student safety.
- FY 25 funds must be expended by 9/30/26.
- Final expenditure report due June 1, 2025. This will be collected through GEMS/MARS.



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- To receive 31aa funding, eligible recipients can opt in and agree through the Grant Electronic Monitoring System/Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS/MARS) via [MiLogin](#) beginning September 3, 2024. The process to opt in will close at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) November 1, 2024.
- 31aa funds will be disbursed by December 31, 2024, on a per-pupil basis.

31aa Opt-In Form

- Once you log in to GEMS/MARS, you will need to look under "Public Responses" to find the Opt-In Form.
 - You must login through [MiLogin](#)
- The form is titled "31aa Funding Application FY25."
 - Click on the first "paper" icon to access the form.



Allowable Expenses for Mental Health Initiatives

- Hiring or contracting for support staff for student mental health needs, including, but not limited to, school psychologists, social workers, counselors, and school nurses.
- Hiring or contracting a behavioral health coordinator.
- Evidence-based trainings to support mental health.
- Providing school-based mental health personnel access to consultation with behavioral health clinicians to respond to complex student mental health needs, such as Michigan Medicine Department of Psychiatry's MC3 program.
 - <https://mc3michigan.org/school-based-consultation/>



Allowable Expenses for Mental Health Initiatives (2)

- Purchasing and implementing mental health screening tools.
- Purchasing and implementing an online behavioral health tool moderated and led by licensed behavioral health professionals.
- Purchasing a statewide, integrated technology platform, such as bhworks, that streamlines behavioral health documentation and care coordination.



Allowable Expenses for Mental Health Initiatives (3)



- Costs associated with collaboration between school employees, families, and community partners to address the academic, behavioral, and social needs of all students through collaborative partnerships, resource coordination, data collection, and data sharing.
- Costs associated with conducting a systemic school mental health needs assessment and resource mapping that identifies programmatic and systematic needs and helps staff determine priorities and create action plans.

Allowable Expenses for School Safety Initiatives

- Coordination with local law enforcement.
- Training for school staff on threat assessment.
- Training for school staff and students on threat response.
- Training for school staff on crisis communication.
- Safety infrastructure, including, but not limited to, cameras, door blocks, hardened vestibules, window screening, and technology necessary to operate buzzer systems. This may also include firearm detection software that integrates to existing security cameras to detect and alert school personnel and first responders to visible firearms on school property.
- Age-appropriate training for students and families on responsible firearm ownership, including safe handling and safe storage of firearms.



Allowable Expenses for School Safety Initiatives (2)

- School resource officers.
- Student Safety Management System, the information technology platform and related services to improve student safety by mitigating cyberbullying, school violence, human trafficking, and self-harm that supports students from grades K to 12.
- A secure platform, administered by the department of state police, for school officials, emergency responders, and emergency management coordinators to house all school safety-related items, including, but not limited to, EOP templates, EOP guidance, reference documents, and security assessments. The platform should use existing password-protected access control methods schools currently utilize and, to the extent possible, be capable of integrating with existing platforms or technologies used by districts for school safety. Through permissions-based access control, the platform should be able to relay information clearly and in real time to each person or entity necessary to provide a unified response to a safety incident, or to take appropriate action in response to an anticipated disruption to the normal functions of the surrounding community.



Allowable Expenses for School Safety Initiatives (3)

- A contract with a vendor for a comprehensive safety and security assessment or a comprehensive safety and security event assessment in schools operated by the district, intermediate district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan School for the Deaf.
- An emergency response system.



Additional Allowable 31aa Expenses

- Emergency infrastructure needs to respond to an immediate threat to the health or safety of students and staff in the district, intermediate district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan School for the Deaf.
- A district, intermediate district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan School for the Deaf shall not expend funds for this purpose without first obtaining approval from the department.
 - Requests to use funds in this manner must be emailed to MDE-31aa@michigan.gov.



Non-Public Schools

- Non-public schools must complete the Nonpublic School Membership Report (NSRM) to be eligible for this funding.
- Non-public schools must be registered in SIGMA.
 - Make sure all contact information in the system is correct. Checks will be sent to the address on file.
- Non-public schools will be paid via check or direct deposit through SIGMA.



Summary of Changes from FY24 to FY25

- Total funding for section 31aa has been reduced by roughly 92%
- Eligible recipients will opt-in and agree to the grant requirements through GEMS/MARS.
 - FY25 section 31aa will **NOT** use NexSys.
- The opt-in process in GEMS/MARS will **NOT** require a budget from eligible recipients.
- Payments will begin by **December 31, 2024** and your award amounts should not change.
- A final expenditure report will be by due **June 1, 2025**. This will be collected through GEMS/MARS.
- The legislation only allows for specific activities in FY25.
- There is **NOT** any eligibility for consortiums.





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31n Funding

- Funds from FY 21-22 must be expended by 9/30/24.
- 31n(6) funding provides payments to ISDs for the provision of mental health and support services to general education students residing within the boundaries of the ISD or to provide funding to constituent districts for the provision of mental health and support services to general education students.
- Recipients of 31n(6) funds shall continue to seek federal Medicaid match funding for all eligible mental health and support services, but this is not just for Medicaid-eligible students.



31n Funding (continued)

- ISDs must apply for the 31n(6) base amount of \$1,003,100 per ISD in NexSys.
- The 31n(6) per pupil allocation is estimated to be around \$22 per pupil but does not require an application because of unique boilerplate language.
 - First payments for the 31n(6) per pupil allocation will be reflected in your October State Aid Status Report, but those funds must still be accounted for in your application budget.
- The 31n(12) allocation for FY 25 will be the same as FY 24, approximately \$89,285 per ISD.
 - To receive 31n(12) funding, ISDs just need to confirm in their NexSys application that they wish to receive the funds and agree to use them for their intended purpose.
 - Funds are for administering/coordinating programs funded under 31n.



31n Boilerplate Language

- There were no changes to the FY 25 31n boilerplate language, which means, **with approval**, ISDs may once again use 31n(6) funds for purposes other than adding licensed master's level behavioral health providers.
- Other allowable 31n(6) expenses include:
 - adding support staff with less than a master's degree in behavioral health.
 - creating or strengthening school-based behavioral health assessment teams (BHATs) that focus on providing age-appropriate interventions.
 - providing evidence-based trainings that support student mental health.



31n Applications

- FY 24 applications in NexSys need to be amended based on final pupil counts. Directions on how to do this were emailed to all lead 31n contacts.
- FY 25 Applications will be available in NexSys **after October 1, 2024**, but the final date is still to be determined.
- When applying for 31n(6) funds, ISDs can apply for up to the entire amount allocated to them, or they can apply for less.
- If funding awarded to an ISD under this section remains unspent, or if the ISD applies for a lower allocation than the maximum amount permitted, MDE, in conjunction with the ISD, may reallocate the funds to another ISD.
- This year's application makes it easier to seek approval for using 31n(6) funds for purposes other than adding licensed master's level behavioral health providers.
 - Supplemental report can also be completed in GEMS/MARS if necessary.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Where will we request funding under each of these sections?
 - 31aa—Certification and opt-in form will be housed in GEMS/MARS
 - 31n—Application will be housed in NexSys



Frequently Asked Questions (2)

- When can we expect to receive the funds for these sections?
 - Funds for 31n will be disbursed by February 1, 2025.
 - Funds for 31aa will be disbursed by December 31, 2024.



Frequently Asked Questions (3)

- When does this funding end?
 - Section 31aa: grant period of 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2026
 - Section 31n: grant period of 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025
 - two additional years of carry-over available if needed



Questions?

After today:

- Please forward your questions to:
 - For 31aa, please email: mde-31aa@michigan.gov
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