

October 1, 2024

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Dear Provider:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is providing the following information related to Medicaid-funded specialty behavioral health services. Effective October 1, 2024, MDHHS will require Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP), Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP), and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) to use the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) tool to support eligibility determinations for services, assist with initial determination of needs and strengths, and provide information for appropriate referrals for behavioral health services. MDHHS established specific requirements for the use of the MichiCANS in bulletin [MMP 24-38](#). Please refer to [MMP 24-38](#) for additional information. You can access the bulletin at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy, Letters and Forms.

MDHHS also established contractual requirements for the PIHPs to specifically use the MichiCANS to support eligibility determinations for the Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SEDW) and the 1915(i) SPA. At this time, CMS has not provided approval for the amendment to the 1915(i) SPA or provided approval for the renewal of the SEDW. For this reason, PIHPs should continue to use the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) and Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale (PECFAS) to support eligibility determinations for the 1915(i) SPA and SEDW only, until MDHHS receives approval from CMS. PIHPs must enter CAFAS and PECFAS scores into the Waiver Support Application (WSA) for these programs as part of the enrollment process. The PIHPs must continue to fulfill all other contractual requirements.

In order to continue the temporary use of the CAFAS and PECFAS, MDHHS is entering into an agreement with Functional Assessment Systems (FAS) to allow for continued, but limited, electronic use of the CAFAS and PECFAS. Data will not be exported from the FAS system and the use of these tools will be used for the 1915(i) and SEDW eligibility determinations only, until the time that MDHHS receives approval from CMS.

MDHHS also amended the Bridges Eligibility Manual to require the use of the MichiCANS to support eligibility determinations for the SEDW. The new effective date for this change is contingent upon the approval of the renewal of the SEDW by CMS.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan E. Groen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meghan E. Groen, Director
Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration