

BULLETIN

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The purpose of this bulletin is to update policy for Michigan Medicaid coverage of Parent Support Partner (PSP) as a State Plan service as of October 1, 2024.

Service Description

PSP is a parent-to-parent peer support service. It is designed to support parents and primary caregivers of children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) through shared activities and interventions in the form of non-judgmental support, connection through lived experience, promotion of self-advocacy on behalf of their child and the needs of their family. This parent peer-delivered service supports parent voice as part of the Family-Driven, Youth-Guided approach to treatment and occurs as part of the treatment process.

The PSP service includes supporting parents and caregivers by building a strong relationship based on mutual respect and strategic self-disclosure to increase hope, confidence, self-advocacy skills, and decision-making abilities. The goals to support parent empowerment will be mutually identified in active collaboration with the parent/caregiver receiving services and must be delivered by a PSP with lived experience. The goals of PSP services shall be included in the individualized plan of service where interventions are provided in the home and community.

For specific billing and reimbursement information, providers should consult the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\) Behavioral Health Code Charts and Provider Qualifications document](#).

Service Eligibility and Coverage

Parents or primary caregivers of children, youth and young adults who have SED and/or a I/DD (including Autism) up to the age of 21 are eligible.

PSP is a State Plan service as of October 1, 2024. Children and youth will no longer be required to meet eligibility criteria or be enrolled in the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment or Waiver Program for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance.

Qualified Staff

Qualifications for the PSP include:

- Lived experience as a parent or primary caregiver of a child or youth with behavioral or mental health needs and/or intellectual/developmental disability, including autism;
- Willing and able to use their lived experiences as a peer parent to support others;
- Experience receiving services for their child or youth in a variety of systems (such as child welfare, special education, juvenile justice system, etc.) is preferred; and
- Employed by a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) or its contracted providers.

Training Requirements

The PSP shall:

- Actively participate in and complete the approved Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) training;
- Complete the ongoing MDHHS approved model certification and recertification requirements; and
- Meet provider qualifications.

Supervision

PSP Supervisors shall:

- Provide regular supervision to PSP at least bi-weekly in person or virtually; and
- Participate in supervisor-related training in accordance with the PSP model.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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Approved

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