

POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Chapter:	Service Delivery System		
Title:	Children With Severe Emotional Disturbances Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (SEDW) Policy		
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Purpose

This policy sets forth the guidelines and expectations for Mid-State Health Network’s (MSHN) administration of the Children with Severe Emotional Disturbances Home and Community-Based Waiver (SEDW) program which provides services that are enhancements or additions to Medicaid State Plan coverage for beneficiaries up to age 21 with serious emotional disturbance (SED) who are enrolled in the SEDW. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) operates the SEDW through contracts with the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs). The SEDW is a managed care program administered by the PIHPs in partnership with CMHSPs and other community agencies.

Policy

MSHN shall administer the SEDW program in accordance with the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) contract and the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual (MMPM).

I. Key Provisions

The SEDW program enables Medicaid to fund necessary home and community-based services for children up to age 21 with SED who meet the criteria for admission to a state inpatient psychiatric hospital and/or who are at risk of hospitalization without waiver services. The PIHP is responsible for assessment of potential waiver candidates.

Application for the SEDW is made through the PIHP. The PIHP is responsible for the coordination of the SEDW services. The Wraparound Facilitator, the beneficiary and their family and friends, and other professional members of the planning team work cooperatively to identify the beneficiary’s needs and to secure the necessary services. All services and supports must be included in an Individual Plan of Service (IPOS).

A SEDW beneficiary must receive at least one SED waiver service, in addition to Wraparound, per month in order to retain eligibility.

The SEDW has two certification categories:

- A. SEDW – Traditional: the youth resides with their legal parent(s)/guardian(s) (with or without Medicaid); this category includes private and/or international adoptions.
- B. SEDW – Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Project: the youth has an open foster care case through MDHHS OR the youth was adopted out of the Michigan Child Welfare System.

II. Eligibility

SEDW beneficiaries must be enrolled through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) enrollment process by the PIHP designee. The enrollment process must include verification that the beneficiary meets the following (all must apply):

- A. Reside with the birth or adoptive family or have a plan to return to the birth or adoptive home; OR reside with a legal guardian; OR
- B. Reside in a foster home with a permanency plan; OR
- C. Be age 18 or age 19 and live independently with supports. AND

- D. Meet current MDHHS criteria for the state psychiatric hospital for children OR is at risk of hospitalization without waiver services.
1. Medicaid Provider Manual Inpatient Admission Criteria: Children Through Age 21: (MMPM Section 8 – Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization Admission; 8.5.C)
 - The individual must meet all three criteria:
 - Diagnosis
 - Severity of illness
 - Intensity of services; AND
- E. Meet Medicaid eligibility criteria and become a Medicaid beneficiary. Medicaid is the only funding source from the SEDW. Under Section (C) of the Social Security Act, it allows states to waive parental assets and income and make a child eligible for Medicaid as a “family of one.”; AND
- F. Demonstrate serious functional limitations that impair the ability to function in the community. As appropriate for age, functional limitation will be identified using the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS®), the Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale (PECFAS®), or the Devereaux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) Clinical Version scales:
1. CAFAS score of 90 or greater for beneficiaries age 7 to 12; OR
 2. CAFAS score of 120 or greater for beneficiaries age 13 to 18; OR
 3. For beneficiaries ages 3 to 7, elevated PECFAS subscale scores in at least one of these areas: self-harmful behaviors, mood/emotions, thinking/communicating, or behavior toward others; OR
 4. For beneficiaries ages 2 to 4, scores in the concern range DECA Clinical Version scales:
 - Protective factor scales (initiative, self-control, and attachment) that are in the Concern Range with a Total Protective Factor T-score of 40 or below and/or
 - Elevated scores on one or more of the behavioral concerns scales (attention problems, aggression, withdrawal/depression, emotional control problems) with a T-score of 60 or above; AND
- G. Be under the age of 18 when approved for the waiver. If a beneficiary on the SEDW turns 18, continues to meet all non-age-related eligibility criteria, and continues to need waiver services, they can remain on the waiver up to their 21st birthday.
- H. Other SEDW Eligibility Considerations:
1. Must have a primary Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) qualifying diagnosis
 2. Must receive at least one SEDW service (other than Wraparound) per month in order to retain eligibility
 3. Eligibility is good for one year
 4. Eligibility is reviewed annually
 5. SEDW is intended for one year, with the possibility of a second year
- I. Denial of the SEDW
1. PIHPs must provide parents with notice of denial and right to Medicaid Fair Hearing whenever the SEDW is denied. (This is delegated by MSHN to the CMHSPs.)
 2. Notice of denial must document the specific reason for the denial, based on SEDW eligibility criteria as outlined in the Medicaid Provider Manual.
 3. The SEDW serves as a pathway to Medicaid, per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) this pathway must not be blocked. Whenever the SEDW is specifically requested and subsequently denied, notice of denial and right to Medicaid Fair Hearing must be provided even if lesser intensive service(s) is offered.

III. Covered Waiver Services

Each beneficiary must have a comprehensive Wraparound Plan and IPOS that specify the services and supports that the beneficiary and their family will receive. The Wraparound Plan is to be developed through the Wraparound Planning Process. Each beneficiary must have a Wraparound Facilitator who is responsible to assist the beneficiary/family in identifying, planning and organizing the Child and Family Team, developing the Wraparound Plan, and coordinating services and supports. The Wraparound Facilitator is responsible for monitoring supports and service delivery, as well as the health and safety of the beneficiary, as part of their regular contact with the beneficiary and family.

In addition to Medicaid state plan services, beneficiaries enrolled in the SEDW may receive any of the following SEDW services as identified in the Wraparound Plan IPOS.

- A. Child Therapeutic Foster Care (CTFC)
- B. Community Living Supports (CLS)
- C. Family Home Care Training
- D. Family Support and Training
- E. Fiscal Intermediary Services
- F. Home Care Training, Non-Family
- G. Overnight Health and Safety Support (OHSS) Services
- H. Respite Care
- I. Therapeutic Activities
 - 1. Recreation Therapy
 - 2. Music Therapy
 - 3. Art Therapy
- J. Therapeutic Overnight Camp
- K. Transitional Services
- L. Wraparound Services (mandatory service)

Applies to

- All Mid-State Health Network Staff
- Selected MSHN Staff, as follows:
- MSHN’s CMHSP Participants: Policy Only Policy and Procedure
- Other: Sub-contract Providers

Definitions

CAFAS: Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale
 CLS: Community Living Supports
 CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 CTFC: Child Therapeutic Foster Care
 DECA: Devereaux Early Childhood Assessment
 DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services
 IPOS: Individual Plan of Service
 MDHHS: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
 MMPM: Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual
 PECFAS: Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale
 OHSS: Overnight Health and Safety Support
 PIHP: Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan
 SED: Serious Emotional Disturbance
 SEDW: Children With Severe Emotional Disturbances Home and Community- Based Services Waiver Program

Other Related Materials

Children With Severe Emotional Disturbance Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (SEDW) Disenrollment and Transfer Procedure

References/Legal Authority

Medicaid Managed Specialty Supports and Services FY23 MDHHS/PIHP Contract
 Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual

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