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| <b>Chapter:</b>                                       | <b>Quality</b>                     |                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Title:</b>                                         | <b>Critical Incident Reporting</b> |                                 |                                                   |
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**Purpose:** To improve the safety of the individuals served through the reporting and analysis of adverse events to ensure actions are taken to prevent, detect, and remediate incidents that cause harm to individual.

**Procedure:** Mid State Health Network (MSHN) and its Provider Network will detect, report and remediate adverse events, which include sentinel events, critical incidents, risk events, and immediately reportable events as required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). The designated MSHN critical incident/sentinel event reporting contacts are as follows:

- Primary-The Quality Manager,
- Secondary-The Chief Compliance and Quality Officer, and the Customer Services Manager.

#### A. Critical Incident Event Types

The following critical incidents are to be reported to MSHN by the Community Mental Health Service Participant (CMHSP)/Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Providers.

##### Event Type

- Suicide Death
- Non-Suicide Death
  - Natural Cause
  - Accidental (Unexpected)
  - Homicide (Unexpected)
- Death of Unknown Cause:
  - Select Yes or No for suspected suicide or overdose
- Emergency Medical Treatment:
  - Injury
    - Not during emergency physical management
    - During emergency physical management
    - Unknown if during emergency physical management
    - Due to a fall
  - Medication error
- Hospitalization:
  - Injury
    - Not due to emergency physical management
    - Due to emergency physical management
    - Unknown if due to emergency physical management
    - Due to a fall
  - Medication error
- Arrest:

- Crisis Stabilization Unit **Only** (must also mark the CSU Service check box)
  - Physical Management without Injury
  - Emergency Response
    - Security
    - Law Enforcement
  - Restraint

## **B. Critical Incident Submissions**

The CMHSP Participants shall submit critical incidents using one of the following two methods:

1. Direct entry into REMI (MSHN Information Management System)
  - a) Access the REMI Menu.
  - b) Consumers>MDHHS Critical Event Reporting by Consumer (NEW-post 10/1/2022)
  - c) Search for consumer
  - d) Choose “select”.
  - e) Choose “add incident.”
  - f) Complete the fields with the appropriate information related to the incident being reported.
  - g) Incident Date: Date the incident occurred.
  - h) Primary Affiliate/CMH-include the CMHSP that is the County of Financial Responsibility (COFR) and is reporting the incident
  - i) Reporting Service Site: Include the provider location in which the incident occurred
  - j) Contact Information: Include the name and email of the organization’s contact person related to critical incidents. This person should be able to provide or obtain information related to any follow-up questions about the incident.
  - k) Incident Location: Include the general location of the incident such as community, Home, School, Work.
  - l) Place/address of Incident: Include specific information such as the address of the incident, if known, if not known indicate “unknown.”
  - m) Event Type: Select the event type for CMHSP or SUD provider population type based on MDHHS Critical Incident Reporting and Event Notification and the Medicaid Contract.
2. Affiliate upload process using JSON file.
  - a) Requests specifications from MSHN Information Technology (IT) [ITsupport@midstatehealthnetwork.org](mailto:ITsupport@midstatehealthnetwork.org) for submission through REMI.
  - b) MSHN IT will coordinate between your organization and PCE Systems for submissions to REMI. Each CMHSP will be given a unique organization ID from MDHHS for the submission of critical events.

## **C. Critical Incident Remediation**

Remediations for a subset of reported events are required to be completed within 30 days after the event was submitted unless an extension is requested from MDHHS.

1. The following events require remediation:
  - a. Hospitalization/Emergency Medical Treatment-Injury
    - i. Injuries reported as During Physical Management,
    - ii. Unknown if During Physical Management, or
    - iii. Due to a Fall.
  - b. Hospitalization/Emergency Medical Treatment-Medication Error
  - c. Timeliness of Reporting- Events reported outside of the required timelines as specified in the MDHHS Critical incident Reporting and Event Notification Policy.
  - d. Department Initiated - Additional information requested by MDHHS.

2. The CMHSP participant must complete remediation through one of the following two methods.
  - a. Critical Incident Reporting System (CIRS) Direct Entry
    - i. CMHSP/SUD Provider completes the remediation fields directly in the CIRS by the required due date.
  - b. Event Notification /Remediation Template
    - i. CMHSP/SUD Provider complete the Event Notification/Remediation template and submit to MSHN via Box (*CMHSP\_QI-Secure>Sentinel Event Submission*) within 30 days of the submission of the critical incident.
    - ii. The designated MSHN critical incident/sentinel event contact will directly enter the remediation information into the Behavioral Health-Critical Incident Reporting System (BH-CIRS).

#### **D. Immediately Reportable Event Submissions**

A subset of the critical events may meet the criteria for an immediately reportable event. Such events are required to be reported to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services within 48 hours of occurrence or notification.

Immediately reportable events (IRE) include:

- Any death that is the result of staff action or inaction,
  - Any death that is subject of a recipient rights investigation and/or
  - Any death that is subject of a police investigation.
1. The CMHSP participant shall notify the designated MSHN critical incident/ sentinel event reporting contact through email that an event requiring immediate notification to MDHHS has occurred.
  2. The CMHSP participant shall provide the required information (Event Notification/Remediation Template) via secure email/electronic format to the designated MSHN critical incident/sentinel event reporting contact within 24 hours of notification of the event.  
Required information for immediately reportable events:
    - a. Name of beneficiary
    - b. Beneficiary ID number (Medicaid, MiChild)
    - c. Consumer ID (CONID) if there is no beneficiary ID number.
    - d. Date, time, and place of death (if a licensed foster care facility, include the license number.) (include time and location and license number in the note section)
    - e. Preliminary cause of death
    - f. Contact person's name and Email address.
    - g. Is there a media event? If so, please include the link.
  3. The CMHSP must notify the designated MSHN critical incident/sentinel event contact immediately by email of events which may be newsworthy or represent a community crisis that are not an immediately reportable death.
  4. The designated MSHN critical incident/sentinel event reporting contact will enter the required information into the BH-CIRS within 24 hours of notification of the event.

#### **E. Sentinel Event Activities/Documentation**

1. The CMHSP participant must review all critical incidents to determine if the incident is sentinel within 3 business days of the occurrence or discovery of the critical incident.
2. The CMHSP participant must commence a root cause analysis (RCA) within 2 subsequent business days of the determination of sentinel. An RCA should include the following elements.

- a. Individuals involved in the review of the sentinel event should have the appropriate credentials to review the scope of care. For example, sentinel events that involve client death, or other serious medical conditions, must involve a physician or nurse.
  - b. Immediate investigation
  - c. Completion of a comprehensive systematic analysis for identifying the causal and contributory factors
  - d. Strong corrective actions derived from the identified causal and contributing factors that eliminate or control system hazards or vulnerabilities and result in sustainable improvement over time
  - e. Timeline for implementation of corrective actions
  - f. Systemic improvement with measurable outcomes
3. The CMHSP participant should track/document the following
    - a. The date of the critical incident or date of discovery/notification, if different from the date of the critical incident.
    - b. The date determined to be sentinel
    - c. The date the RCA commenced and was completed
    - d. Actions taken to remediate the event and prevent recurrence.
  4. The CMHSP participants should complete a review of unexpected deaths and include the following information:
    - a. Screens of individual deaths with standard information (e.g., coroner's report, death certificate).
    - b. Involvement of medical personnel in the mortality reviews.
    - c. Documentation of the mortality review process, findings, and recommendations.
    - d. Use of mortality information to address quality of care.
    - e. Aggregation of mortality data over time to identify possible trends.

Unexpected Deaths- All unexpected deaths are sentinel events. This includes critical incidents that have been reported as a non-suicide accidental death, non-suicide-homicide, and/or a suicide death, result of an undiagnosed condition, were suspicious of abuse or neglect.
  5. The CMHSP participants should have the documentation above available upon request.

**Applies to:**

- All Mid-State Health Network Staff
- Selected MSHN Staff as follows:
  - MSHN CMHSP Participants:  Policy Only  Policy and Procedure
  - Other: Sub-contracted providers

**Definitions:**

Adverse Events: Events that are sentinel, critical and risk events, as defined by MDHHS.

BH-CIRS: Behavioral Health-Critical Incident Reporting System

CIRS: Critical Incident Reporting System, currently the Behavioral Health- Customer Relationship Management System (BH-CRM).

CRM: Customer Relationship Management System.

CMHSP: Community Mental Health Services Program

COFR: County of Financial Responsibility

CONID: Consumer ID

Critical Events: Events identified by MDHHS in the Critical Incident Reporting and Event Notification Policy

CSU: Crisis Stabilization Unit

HSW: Habilitation Supports Waiver

IRE: Immediately Reportable Events

LARA: Licensing And Regulatory Affairs

MAT: Medication Assisted Treatment

MDHHS: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

MSHN: Mid-State Health Network

ORR: Office of Recipient Rights

PIHP: Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan

RCA: Root Cause Analysis

REMI: Regional Electronic Medical Information System

Sentinel Events: A Patient Safety Event that reaches a patient and results in any of the following: death, permanent harm, severe temporary harm and intervention required to sustain life. An event can also be considered sentinel even if the outcome was not death, permanent harm, severe temporary harm or intervention required to sustain life. (The Joint Commission)

SUD: Substance Use Disorder

Unexpected Death: Death that which is not by natural cause or does not occur as a natural outcomes to a chronic condition (e.g. terminal illness) or old age. This may include suicide, homicide, an undiagnosed condition, were accidental or were suspicious for possible abuse and or neglect.

**Other Related Materials:**

[Event Reporting/Remediation Template](#)

[Job Aid-New Incident Immediately Reportable Cause of Death](#)

[Job Aid-Editing Incidents and Events](#)

[Job Aid-New Critical Incident and SUD Sentinel Events](#)

[Job Aide-Navigating to and Viewing Remediations](#)

[Job Aid-Remediations-Department Initiated](#)

[Job Aid-Remediations-Hospitalization Emergency Medical Treatment Injury](#)

[Job Aid-Remediations Medication Error](#)

[Job Aid-Remediation-Timeliness of Reporting](#)

**References/Legal Authority:**

MDHHS/PIHP Contract

[MDHHS Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program for Specialty Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans Technical Requirements](#)

[MDHHS Critical Incident Reporting and Event Notification](#)

**Change Log:**

| <b>Date of Change</b> | <b>Description of Change</b> | <b>Responsible Party</b> |
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