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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 22, 2024

**TO:** Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) and Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs)

**FROM:** Patricia Neitman, Bureau Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS)/ Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale (PECFAS) transition

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will require the use of the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) tool, statewide beginning October 1, 2024. The MichiCANS Screener will be used at Access Centers and, depending on the results of the screener, the MichiCANS Comprehensive will be used at intake with all infants, toddlers, youth, and young adults ages birth through 20 (day prior to 21) as a standardized method to guide initial assessment, eligibility determinations and treatment planning needs. This tool will also be used for ongoing eligibility and treatment planning needs.

The use of the CAFAS and PECFAS tools will be contractually required until September 30, 2024. The MDHHS contractual relationship with Multi Health Systems (MHS) will end at that time. MHS, Inc. is the provider of the Functional Assessment Systems (FAS) Outcomes online platform as well as the CAFAS and the PECFAS. CMHSP access to the FAS outcome platform will also end on September 30, 2024. After October 1, 2024, the PIHP/CMHSPs will no longer be contractually required to report CAFAS/PECFAS data to MDHHS.

If your agency would like to continue to utilize the CAFAS and PECFAS tools or have access to your local agency data after September 30, 2024, you may choose to have a contractual relationship with MHS. If interested, please reach out to MHS customer service team at [customerservice@mhs.com](mailto:customerservice@mhs.com) or (800) 456-3003. CAFAS & PECFAS data is housed securely in the FAS Outcomes platform. Per MHS, if your agency would like to maintain access to the platform, you will need to complete their registration process and pay the annual maintenance fee which is currently \$485. In addition to FAS Outcomes, CMHSPs could also purchase online CAFAS or PECFAS uses to continue administering and scoring the tool, the current cost is \$371 per 100 uses. Please do not hesitate to call or email customer service with additional questions or to request a quote.

If you have additional questions about the MDHHS transition to the MichiCANS, please send questions to [MDHHS-MichiCANS@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MichiCANS@michigan.gov).