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Memorandum

Date: October 7, 2024
To: Children's Clinically Responsible Service Providers (CRSP)
From: Melissa Moody, VP of Clinical Operations- DWIHN
Re: MichiCANS- CAFAS/PECAFAS Utilization for SEDW and 1915iSPA

On October 1, 2024, MDHHS launched the MichiCANS as a replacement for the CAFAS and PECAFAS. Detroit Wayne Community Mental Health Network (DWIHN) has been working with our provider network throughout the last year to prepare for this system-wide assessment change.

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. According to MDHHS, 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, providers 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. Providers must enter CAFAS and PECFAS scores into the Waiver Support Application (WSA) for these programs as part of the enrollment process. The MichiCANS will continue to be utilized for all individuals outside of the SEDW and 1915iSPA. If you have any questions regarding this process change, please contact Cassandra Phipps, Children Initiatives Director, at cphipps@dwihn.org. Thank you.

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