

# MichiCANS CAFAS/PECFAS SED Waiver and 1915i

October 7, 2024



- Historical Requirements for CAFAS/PECFAS
  - PIHP and CMHSP Contractual Requirements for Children with SED
  - Medicaid Provider Manual
  - 1915(i) State Plan Amendment
  - Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SEDW)
- New MichiCANS Requirements Effective for October 1, 2024
  - PIHP and CMHSP Contractual Requirements
  - Medicaid Policy Bulletin (i.e., Level of Need, Michigan Intensive Child and Adolescent Services (MICAS))
- Update on Temporary Modification for October 1, 2024
  - SEDW Renewal (90 Day Extension)
  - Amendment to the 1915(i)

# 1915(I) Services

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- Community Living Supports
- Enhanced Pharmacy
- Environmental Modifications
- Family Support and Training
- Fiscal Intermediary Services
- Housing Assistance
- Respite Care Services
- Skill Building Assistance
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Supported/Integrated Employment Services
- Vehicle Modification

# Assessment Tools

## MichiCANS DECA

- Beginning October 1, 2024, the MichiCANS will be completed with every infant, child, youth and young adult birth through 20 (day prior to 21).
- For infants, toddlers and young children 1 month through 5 years (day prior to 6), the DECA will also be used for children who are SED or IDD and SED.

## CAFAS/PECFAS

- Until the SEDW and 1915i are approved, the CAFAS/PECFAS must be used for these groups, in addition to the required use of MichiCANS.

# Use of CAFAS/PECFAS

- In addition to the use of the MichiCANS, the CAFAS and PECFAS must be used for children & youth for SEDW and 1915i enrollments **only**, until CMS approval is received for the SEDW waiver renewal and 1915i amendment.
- During this time, CAFAS and PECFAS must be used for required annual redeterminations.
- CAFAS and PECFAS access via FAS Outcomes is available to all CMHSPs.
- If your CMHSP exhausts the number of CAFAS or PECFAS administrations assigned to your CMHSP, contact **Jennifer Wolf** @ [Jennifer.Wolf@MHS.com](mailto:Jennifer.Wolf@MHS.com)

# Questions

What are the options to get new staff trained on the CAFAS/PECFAS? What about current staff who will require their booster during this period of temporary continued use of CAFAS/PECFAS?

- Providers who complete the CAFAS/PECFAS should have appropriate training and credentials.
- MDHHS has purchased a self training manual for each PIHP.

Has MDHHS reached out to PCE and other EMR systems to discuss this change given removal of the CAFAS/PECFAS from EMRs effective 9/30?

- PCE has been notified that the ability to complete the CAFAS must remain within the EHR system for utilization with SEDW applications and 1915i enrollments. PCE will provide the ability to complete the CAFAS. The CAFAS will be removed when CMS approval is received for the SEDW waiver renewal and the 1915i amendment.

# Questions

Should the CMHSPs rely on the CAFAS/PECFAS level of care determinations or MichiCANS level of need? Which should take priority?

- Effective October 1, 2024, it is required that Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP), Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP), and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) use the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) tool to support eligibility determinations for services, assist with initial determination of needs and strengths, and provide information for appropriate referrals for behavioral health services. Please refer to MMP 24-38 for additional information.
- Effective October 1, 2024, MDHHS also established contractual requirements for 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. PIHPs 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.

# Questions from 10/07/24 Meeting

How will this affect  
grievances, appeal and  
upcoming audits?

- BCCHPS will coordinate with BPHASA regarding compliance and auditing activities.



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Is the CAFAS also required at the time of disenrollment from the SEDW?

- The PIHPs/CMHSPs should follow the current process for annual redeterminations in terms of entering the CAFAS/PECFAS score in WSA.

# Questions from 10/07/24 Meeting

Should a CAFAS/PECFAS be completed for every new child with SED at BPS/assessment since it isn't known if they will have iSPA services until the person-centered planning process is complete?

- No, a CAFAS/PECFAS should only be completed when the child/family requests a service that requires enrollment in the 1915(I) and the child is not enrolled in another authority (e.g. SEDW) where they could receive a similar service.

# Questions from 10/07/24 Meeting

Can you provide the link to the DECA training?

- [Home: Michigan Early Childhood Assessment \(michiganeca.org\)](https://michiganeca.org)

# Contacts and Links

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- MichiCANS Website:  
[Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths - MichiCANS](#)
- MichiCANS Medicaid Policy:  
[Final-Bulletin-MMP-24-38-MichiCANS-final.pdf \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- Links to L letter:  
[Numbered-Letter-L-24-63-BH-FINAL.pdf \(michigan.gov\)](#)