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To: Children's Providers (SED/IDD)
From: Cassandra Phipps, Director of Children's Initiative
CC: Melissa Moody, VP of Clinical Operations, Stacey Sharp, Associate VP of Clinical Operations
Re: 1915i SPA Update
Date: February 26, 2025

Per directive on behalf of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), DWIHN Children's Providers servicing members with serious emotional developmental disabilities (SED) and intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD) to adhere to the 1915i SPA guidelines effective February 12, 2025.

1915i SPA Children's Services

The 1915i SPA children's services for members under the age of 21 are Community Living Supports (CLS), Respite, Skill Building, and Supported Employment.

Children with IDD or SED

For any cases currently in the PIHP and or MDHHS queue for review and approval, MichiCANS is not required to be submitted in WSA for 1915i SPA Services.

Children with IDD

For all new cases and re-evaluations (that are not already in the PIHP/MDHHS queue) must have the MichiCANS. This will be the only accepted assessment tool.

Children with SED

For new enrollments (new pending cases, new cases that are being pulled from the potential enrollee queue, and new cases that are currently in the CMH queue but have not yet been submitted) will have the following rules/requirements:

Waiver Support Application (WSA) requires 2 assessments: MichiCANS and CAFAS or PECFAS; whichever is applicable to the beneficiary's age.

Children age 0 to 3: There is a technical glitch when completing WSA form for children with SED ages 0 to 3. It is identified the new business rule that is being applied in the WSA on 2/12/25 will require a CAFAS/PECFAS that is not applicable for ages 0 to 3. Thus, this expected to be resolved in WSA system

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by. During the interim any new enrollments for ages 0 to 3 instructed to email Annamarie Macandog the following information: MacandogA@michigan.gov

- WSA ID
- The Evaluation that requires the update

Re-evaluations (all re-evals that are not currently in PIHP or MDHHS queue): WSA will only require the MichiCANS.

MichiCANS Ineligibility: If the MichiCANS did not find the beneficiary eligible for the 1915(i)SPA, the CAFAS/PECFAS must be completed and those results applied.

CAFAS/PECFAS Eligibility: If the CAFAS/PECFAS determined them eligible, the re-evaluation should be submitted to MDHHS for approval. Both CAFAS/PECFAS and MichiCANS assessments should be noted in the WSA.

MichiCANS and CAFAS/PECFAS Ineligibility: If the CAFAS/PECFAS also determined them ineligible, as did the MichiCANS, the beneficiary may be disenrolled. Both assessments should be noted in the WSA.

Technical Assistance: MDHHS informed there is an error with entering CAFAS/PECFAS and MichiCANS dates in WSA system simultaneously. If you encounter an “error message” email Annamarie Macandog the following information: MacandogA@michigan.gov

- WSA ID
- The Evaluation that requires the update
- CAFAS/PECFAS date

For any questions and or concerns, please contact Cassandra Phipps at cphipps@dwihn.org and Desiree Purry at dpurphy@dwihn.org.

Sincerely,

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