

Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration

Practice Improvement Steering Committee

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COVID-19 Medicaid Waiver Updates

Figure 1. BHDDA FY20 PIHP/CMHSP Behavioral Health Medicaid Program Managed Care Service Provision and Authorities

Authority	Behavioral Health 1115 Waiver	Behavioral Health Covered EPSDT	Behavioral Health Covered State Plan	Children's Waiver 1915(c)	SED Waiver 1915(c)	Habilitation Supports Waiver 1915(c)	1915 (i) SPA
Services	 PIHP Managed Care Authority SUD Services 	 ABA Community Living Supports Home-Based Family Support & training Peer Delivered or operated services Prevention Direct Service Models Skill Building Supported/integra ted Employment Supports Coordination Wraparound 	 Assertive Community Training Assessments Behavior Treatment Review Child Therapy Clubhouse Psychosocial Rehabilitation Crisis Intervention & Residential Family Therapy Health Services Individual & Group Therapy Inpatient Psych Hospitalization Intensive Crisis Stabilization Medication Admin/Review Nursing Facility MH Monitoring OT, PT, Speech Peer-delivered or - operated services Personal Care in Specialized Homes Supports Coordination Targeted Case Management Telemedicine Transportation Treatment Planning 	 Community Living Supports Enhanced Transportation Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA) Family Support & Training Fiscal Intermediary Non-family training Respite Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Specialty Services NEW Overnight Health and Safety Support 	 Community Living Supports Child Therapeutic Foster Care Family Support & Training Non-family training Therapeutic Activities Therapeutic Overnight Camp Community Transition Services Respite Wraparound NEW Fiscal Intermediary Overnight Health and Safety Support 	 Community Living Supports Enhanced Medical Equipment & Supplies Enhanced Pharmacy Environmental Modifications Family Support & Training Goods and Services Out-of-home non- vocational habilitation Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Prevocational Services Private Duty Nursing Respite Supported/Integrat ed Employment NEW Fiscal intermediary Non-family Training Overnight Health and Safety Support 	 Community Living Supports Enhanced Pharmacy Environmental Modifications Family Support & Training Fiscal Intermediary Housing Assistance Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies (Assistive Tech) Respite Skill Building Supported/Integr ated Employment Vehicle Modification (Assistive Tech)

*ICF/IID = Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Administered by FCS highlighted in orange above

COVID-19 Medicaid Program Authority Options

COVID-19 State 1135 Waiver

• Waives various Administrative requirements to increase access during a time of national emergency.

COVID-19 State 1115 Waiver Demonstration

• Can make available several flexibilities to focus states operations on addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and assist in enrolling and serving beneficiaries in Medicaid.

COVID-19 Behavioral Health Appendix K Waiver

• Appendix K to help states accelerate changes to their 1915(c) home and community-based services waiver operations or to request emergency amendments.

BHDDA 1135 Requested Waiver Status Update

CMS approved and effective <u>3/1/2020</u> the following Behavioral Health related requests through the termination of the public health emergency;

- Extend pre-existing authorizations for which a beneficiary has previously received prior authorization through the end of the public health emergency
 - Permit services approved to be provided to continue to be provided without a requirement for a new or renewed prior authorization
- Temporarily/provisionally enroll and reimburse new or outof-state providers that meet CMS required criteria
- Provision and reimburse services rendered in alternative settings (licensed facilities)
- Telehealth and Telephonic Expansion
- Flexibility in the Person-Centered Planning Process and Plan

BHDDA 1115 Demonstration Waiver Status Update

Under this demonstration opportunity, as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, BHDDA is pursuing CMS approval for:

- Flexibility in the Person-Centered Planning Process and Plan
- Expand Telehealth options
- Annual reassessments of level of care that exceed the 12-month authorization period and will remain open to services
- Modify processes for level of care evaluations or re-evaluations, and eligibility criteria for services and supports
- Flexibility in payment for services and supports to providers for impacted individuals delivered in alternative settings
- Payments to certain habilitation and personal care providers to maintain capacity during the emergency
- Modify the quality and other data reported on certain performance measures, other than those identified for the Health and Welfare assurance for this time frame when the data is unavailable to be obtained due to the circumstances of the pandemic.

BHDDA Appendix K **Amendment Status Update**

CMS has approved BHDDA's temporary amendment through the Appendix K for all approved 1915(c) waivers (HSW, CWP, and SEDW). This amendment is effective 3/1/2020 through 2/28/2021.

Key temporary changes include;

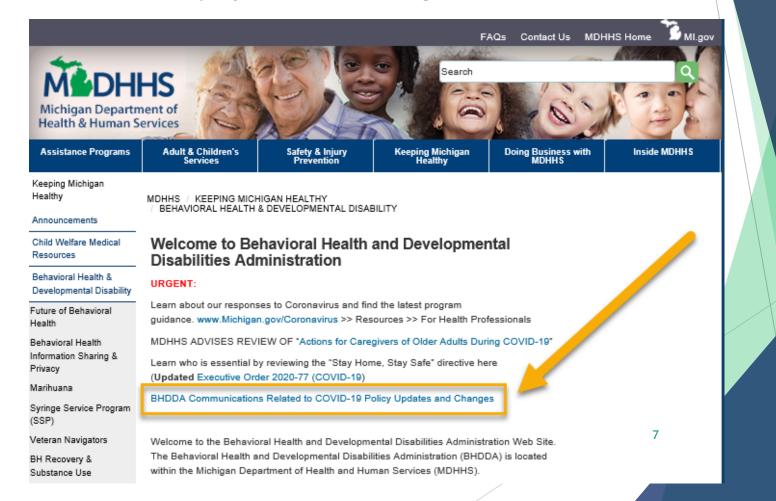
- Modify waiver service scope and allow certain service limitations to be exceeded
- Expand setting(s) where services may be provided
- Modify provider qualifications
- Modify processes for level of care evaluations or re-evaluations
- Modify person-centered service plan development process
- Temporarily increase payment rates
- *Temporarily allow for payment for services for the purpose of supporting waiver participants in an acute care hospital or shortterm institutional setting

*NOTE: supports are not available in that setting or individually required for communication and behavioral stabilization, and such services are not covered in such settings.

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BHDDA Updates & Resources

Check our Website for BHDDA Communications Related to COVID-19, Policy Updates, and Changes



BHDDA Updates & Resources

COVID-19 Response: Medicaid Waivers and State Plan Amendments

MI Appendix K Approval Letter - signed - 06-19-2020

MI (0167, 4119, 0438) Appendix K - 06-19-2020

MI 20-0005 Approval Package - 06-05-2020

Services

COVID-19 Emergency Dental Directory - 04-13-20

Plan of Service and Due Process Concerns Memo - 04-08-20 - - RESCINDED

Training

CPR Training Extension Updated Advisory Memo - 04-07-2020

Behavioral Health Fee Schedule

IRM = Independent Rate Model SCA = Standards Cost Allocation

Workgroup Members -

In conjunction with the behavioral health fee schedule project, the service codes and current modifiers used by the behavioral health delivery system are being reviewed for opportunities to support granularity where differentiation is helpful in supporting more consistency in the unit cost of services.

Additionally, opportunities have been identified for alignment with national definitions and verification of qualified providers, which will help inform the wage variation in the independent rate model development.