
Waiver Director's Report January 2021

1. Autism/Behavioral Health:

There are currently 1310 individuals enrolled in the Applied Behavioral Health Autism Benefit. Autism provider sites visits started in December with one provider. Seventeen providers are scheduled to be reviewed during the remainder of the fiscal year. Each autism center will have a virtual site review which includes a review of clinical documentation, credentialing, and facility standards.

2. Child's Waiver Program:

There are currently 50 children open to the CWP with another 9 children who were recently invited to apply. The CMHs are in the process of completing all necessary paperwork to start the children with services. All children on the waiting list have been invited to apply for the waiver and there are currently no children waiting for the CWP.

3. Habilitation Supports Waiver:

The LRE has 629 HSW waiver slots that remain full. The LRE and CMHSP HSW Leads meet regularly to maintain these slots and identify appropriate individuals for enrollment.

Under the 1915(c) Home and Community-based Services Waivers Appendix K, states can request relevant program changes and flexibilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. MDHHS waiver staff reported applying for an extension through October 2021.

The LRE and CMHSP waiver staff are working to obtain documentation that was unable to be acquired during the COVID-19 emergency that may still be required by February 28th, 2021, if the extension of the Appendix K is not approved. MDHHS is in the process of determining a process to review cases where the documents were not turned in and when those individuals may go inactive in the Waiver Support Application (WSA).

Additionally, MDHHS is making significant changes to the WSA that will be going live January 19th, 2021. We are anticipating a significant HSW change in the WSA which will affect the way CMHSPs and the PIHP turn in annual recertifications. MDHHS is providing training to PIHPs and CMHSPs January 20 and 25.

4. Home and Community-Based Services:

Corrective action plan (CAP) site reviews from 2017 HCBS surveys are complete.

The MDHHS validation project is underway for the HCBS surveys that were completed between 2015 and 2017. The LRE and CMHSP's are currently working to clean the data for use.

Provisional approvals for new providers continue and are being completed remotely.

MDHHS is working on creating new reports in the WSA, including Heightens Scrutiny tracking reports and a shared provider document to assist with HCBS reciprocity approval statewide.

5. Serious Emotional Disturbance:

The LRE has 38 individuals enrolled in this waiver (Allegan – 1, HealthWest – 13, Network180 – 20, Ottawa – 2, and West Michigan – 2). Individuals continue to be enrolled and dis-enrolled as appropriate.

6. MDHHS Waiver Audit:

MDHHS concluded the HCBS Waivers and Substance Use Disorder site review of the LRE on November 30th, 2020. MDHHS provided the final site review reports to the LRE on December 15th, 2020 with corrective action plans (CAP) due back to MDHHS on January 14th, 2021. All required corrective actions plans (SUD, CWP, SEDW, and HSW) were submitted to MDHHS by this deadline. MDHHS typically responds within 30 days to notify PIHP's as to whether CAP's were accepted or sent back for further review. When MDHHS approves the CAP's, they will schedule a 90-day follow-up review.