CHILD THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE (CTFC)

CTFC is available to SED Waiver recipients. CTFC offers an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization or other mental health placement. The goal is to keep youth in their natural environment while maintaining intensive community-based treatment.

All youth who receive SED Waiver services are eligible for involvement with CTFC, should this level of care be determined as the best fit for their particular needs. Youth being referred to CTFC will be assisted with applying for and enrolling in the SED Waiver. Youth will also receive CMHCM home-based mental health services, as well as wraparound facilitation services. They are also eligible for (and encouraged to utilize) parent support partner services.

CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE WAIVER

Children’s Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW) provides services that are enhancements or additions to Medicaid State Plan coverage for children through age 20 who are diagnosed with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) contracts with CMHCM who administers the SEDW in partnership with other community agencies.

Accredited by:

CMHCM receives financial support from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
The SEDW enables Medicaid to fund necessary home and community-based services for children with serious emotional disturbance who meet the criteria for admission to the state inpatient psychiatric hospital (Hawthorn Center) and are at risk of hospitalization without waiver services. CMHCM is responsible for assessment of potential waiver candidates. Application for the SEDW is made through CMHCM.

**WHAT IS A SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE?**

“Serious emotional disturbance” is a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder affecting a minor that exists or has existed during the past year for a period of time long enough to meet diagnostic criteria that has resulted in impairment that greatly interferes with or limits the minor’s role or functioning in family, school, or community activities.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for this waiver, the child must:

- Live in a participating county (Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland or Osceola); OR
- Live in foster care in a non-participating county pursuant to placement by MDHHS or the court of a participating county, with SEDW oversight by a participating county’s Community Mental Health Service Provider; AND
- Reside with the birth or adoptive family or have a plan to return to the birth or adoptive home; OR
- Reside with a legal guardian; OR
- Reside in a foster home with a permanency plan; OR
- Be age 18, 19, or 20 and live independently with supports; AND
- Meet current MDHHS criteria for the State psychiatric hospital for children, as defined in the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual; AND
- Meet Medicaid eligibility criteria and become a Medicaid beneficiary; AND
- Demonstrate serious functional limitations that impair their ability to function in the community.
- Be under the age of 18 when approved for the waiver. If a child on the SEDW turns 18, continues to meet all non-age-related eligibility criteria and continues to need waiver services, the child can remain on the waiver up to his/her 21st birthday.

**KEY PROVISIONS**

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**WRAPAROUND**

Wraparound is provided to children with SEDW. Wraparound refers to an individually designed set of services and supports provided to children and their families that includes treatment services and other personal supports necessary to maintain the child in the family home. Wraparound services are developed through a team approach that includes the Wraparound Facilitator, child and his/her family and friends, and other professional members. The team works together to identify the child/family’s strengths, needs, interventions, and outcomes following the Wraparound Practice Model. The Wraparound Individual Plan of Service (IPOS) identifies all the services and supports necessary to meet the individual’s needs and outcomes.

One in every five children suffers some sort of emotional/behavior problem. One in 20 have serious emotional disturbance.