



NETWORK Notification

Notice Date: August 12, 2025
To: Michigan Medicaid Providers
From: HAP CareSource
Subject: Advancing Person-Centered Mental Health Care
Effective Date: October 2025

Beginning in October 2025, all Qualified Mental Health Providers including Child Mental Health Professionals (CMHPs), Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHPs), and Qualified Intellectual Disability Professionals (QIPDs), **whose scope of practice includes assessment of mental health needs**, who are participating in Michigan's Medicaid program and contracted with an MHP and/or PIHP will need to incorporate into their practice:

- **Use of standardized tools for assessing the level of mental health need of CHCP enrollees seeking mental health** The State's designated assessment tools are the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) Screener for children and youth (under 21) and the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) for adults (21 and older).
- **Adoption of a standardized referral process for mental health services**, including use of a new referral platform accessible to mental health providers, primary care providers, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), MHPs and PIHPs.

Call to action:

REMINDER: If you are a mental health provider designated in the Medicaid Provider Manual as a Qualified Mental Health Professional, Child Mental Health Professional or Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional whose scope of practice includes assessment of mental health needs, **please complete [this form](#), which includes providing your information to receive further details regarding standardized assessment training**. Standardized assessment training will be free for providers and eligible for CME/CEU credit (details vary between each training).

MichiCANS Training:

Those who have indicated that they need this training, will receive an email from the Praed Foundation (email address: no-reply@schoolx.com) which will provide information on how to move forward with the training. Please be sure to check your Spam mailboxes for this message. Once you receive that email, you will log into the training platform and register for sessions of your choice.

To become certified in the use of the MichiCANS Screener, the following two trainings must be taken, in this order:

- Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) Orientation
- MichiCANS Overview

TCOM Orientation and MichiCANS Overview trainings are live virtual sessions provided by the Praed Foundation and hosted via their TCOM training platform. Upon completion of the trainings, individuals **must** successfully complete the MichiCANS Certification Course/Assessment to be a certified user of the MichiCANS Screener.

Medicaid providers will access and complete the MichiCANS Screener through the Care Connect 360 (CC360) web application. Information about gaining access will be forthcoming.

LOCUS Training:

The link to the self-paced LOCUS training is currently in development. Communication will be sent once available. MDHHS encourages all mental health providers to send any questions or comments to MDHHSMentalHlthFramework@michigan.gov.

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