



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: September 1, 2026
To: HAP CareSource™ Providers
From: HAP CareSource
Subject: Mental Health Framework Assessment Training Notice
Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Summary

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is shifting to a more person-centered approach to serve Michiganders with mental health needs. To strengthen the Comprehensive Health Care Program (CHCP), MDHHS is partnering with Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs), Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), and providers to improve access to and coordination of mental health care across the Medicaid program.

Providers who serve MHP members and whose scope of practice includes assessment of mental health needs are to be incorporating the required standardized assessment into their practice as of October 1, 2025. These standardized assessment tools, the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) Screener or Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS), will help determine the MHP member level of mental health need.

Standardized Assessment training is available for free for Medicaid Health Plan (MHP) providers and is eligible for Continuing Medical Education (CME) or Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit. MDHHS is encouraging providers who service these members to complete their assessment training.

Impact

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, you will need to take the required standardized assessment training.

Once you have taken the required trainings and successfully passed the Certification course, your Certificate of Completion is active for one year. Certification expiration date is found on your certificate. Annual Recertification is required.

Required Training

- For LOCUS Certification Training registration information can be located here, [MichiganDHHSLOCUStrainingsiteinstructionsvtOct2025.pdf](#).
- For MichiCANS Assessment training can be located here, [Register for Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Provider MichiCANS Screener on TCOM Training and Courses](#).*

***Please note:** If you have previously taken the TCOM Orientation, the MichiCANS Overview and passed the certification course (connected to your employment with a PIHP, CMHSP, or CCBHC), then your certification is good for one year. If you are currently certified in the MichiCANS, you DO NOT need to retake MHP provider training.

Questions?

Mental Health Framework [Site](#) provides a FAQ and guide. Submit questions MDHHS-MentalHlthFramework@michigan.gov.

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