

What is a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)?

Is your child experiencing these signs or symptoms?

- ✓ An inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors.
- ✓ An inability to build or maintain appropriate relationships with peers and teachers.
- ✓ Inappropriate behaviors or feelings.
- ✓ A nonstop unhappiness or depression.
- ✓ Physical symptoms or fears related to personal or school problems.

LifeWays can help!



If you would like more information about SEDW, please contact LifeWays Community Mental Health (517.789.1200) and request an assessment.

Mission

LifeWays inspires hope and promotes life-enhancing recovery.

Vision

We envision a fully integrated healthcare network that supports individuals in our community to reach their full potential.

Contact Us

24-Hour Crisis Line: 1.800.284.8288

Customer Services: 1.866.630.3690

Jackson Location

1200 N West Ave
Jackson, MI 49202
Phone: 517.789.1200

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-7pm

Hillsdale Location

25 Care Dr
Hillsdale, MI 49242
Phone: 517.439.2641

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-6pm

Podemos proporcionar servicios para usted en su idioma. Por favor, llame al 517.789.1200.

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Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver (SEDW) Ages 0-20



If your child has these symptoms, he or she may be eligible for the Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver.

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What is Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver (SEDW)?

SEDW provides services that are an increase to Medicaid State Plan coverage for individuals with SED through age 20, so they may remain in their homes and communities.

LifeWays is responsible for assessment of potential SEDW candidates using the CAFAS® and PECFAS®. The individual must meet the criteria for admission to the state inpatient psychiatric hospital and be at risk of hospitalization without SEDW services.

What are CAFAS® and PECFAS®?

Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS®) and Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale (PECFAS®) are evaluation tools that are used to identify youth who are likely to need more than outpatient mental health treatment. They look at how youth function in many areas of their life.



What are the Next Steps?

The Wraparound Facilitator, the child and his/her family and friends, and other professionals work together to identify the child's and 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 needs and outcomes.

Eligibility Requirements

Live

- Live in Jackson or Hillsdale County
- Live in foster care in a non-participating county pursuant to placement by DHHS or the court of a participating county, with SEDW oversight by a participating county's CMHSP
- Be age 18, 19 or 20 and live independently with supports

Reside

- Reside with the birth or adoptive family or have a plan to return to the birth or adoptive home
- Reside with a legal guardian
- Reside in a foster home with a permanency plan

Meet

- Meet current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) criteria for the State psychiatric hospital for children, as defined in the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual
- Meet Medicaid eligibility criteria and become a Medicaid beneficiary
- Meet serious functional limitations that impair their ability to function in the community. As appropriate for age, functional limitation will be identified using the CAFAS® or PECFAS®.
- 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.

SEDW Services

• Wraparound Facilitator (required):

A person who works with the family and their identified supports to set treatment goals and decides on services for the child and family.

• Community Living Supports (CLS):

A staff person who helps the child with daily tasks.

• **Short Term Respite Care:** A service given inside or outside the home to provide caregivers and the child a break.

• Family Support and Training:

Services designed to provide education, assistance, and other support to parents and families.

• Family and Non-Family Home Care Training

• Child Therapeutic Foster Care

• Therapeutic Overnight Camp

• **Therapeutic Activities:** recreation, music, and art therapies

• **Choice Voucher:** The family will have the freedom and authority to schedule, hire, fire staff; sign off on timesheets, train some staff directly, choose wages and identify areas they need supports to successfully manage their employees (Effective 10/1/19)

• **Overnight Health & Safety Support:** Someone to be present to prevent, oversee, manage, direct, or respond to a beneficiary's disruptive, risky, or harmful behaviors during the overnight hours (Effective 10/1/19)



Let Us Help You Get From This...

...To This!