


CHAPTER: 4	SECTION: 45	SUBJECT: INDIVIDUAL CARE TO CONSUMERS
TITLE: SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES WAIVER (SEDW) PROGRAM POLICY		
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ISSUED AND APPROVED BY:  EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		

I. PURPOSE:

To establish policy and procedure for the Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver (SEDW) Program at Community Mental Health of Ottawa County (CMHOC).

II. APPLICATION:

To all CMHOC operated and contracted programs as specified by contract.

III. DEFINITIONS:

None

IV. POLICY:

It is the policy of CMHOC to encourage that children remain living with their families and to advocate and support a family approach to service delivery for them. The Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver Program helps to make that a possibility.

V. PROCEDURE:

- A. Eligibility requirements for CMHOC funded services for persons with serious emotional disturbances and for those specified in the MDHHS Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver program description in the Medicaid Provider Manual must be met.
- B. CMHOC's Access Center completes a psychosocial assessment for the youth, and if the conditions are met the youth is referred to the Family Services program. At which point a Family Services mental health clinician identifies if the youth meets the SEDW criteria and if the family wishes to proceed with a SED Waiver application.
 - 1. It must be determined that without the services of the SEDW the child meets criteria of or is at risk of placement at Hawthorn Center, the state's inpatient psychiatric hospital.
 - 2. The child must reside with his/her birth parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, or with a relative of the child when that relative has been named the legal guardian for that child under the laws of the State of Michigan and is not a paid foster parent for that child.
 - 3. The child must be under the age of 18.

4. The family is willing and able to participate in the development of the IPOS; allows services to be provided in the family home; provides care and supervision; obtains and supports required documentation.
- C. Prior to State Eligibility Determination:
1. Family Services staff verify SEDW eligibility and complete WSA documentation.
 2. WSA documentation is submitted to the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) for approval.
 3. Upon LRE approval, approval must then be secured through MDHHS. Family Services staff will follow steps outlined in the CMHOC SEDW policy for this approval.
- D. Eligibility maintenance once awarded:
1. SEDW is only awarded for 365 days.
 2. 60 days prior to waiver expiration, CMHOC Family Services staff and the family reassess youth for eligibility as outlined by MDHHS.
 - a. If it is deemed youth continue to meet eligibility criteria, and the family agrees to continue with SEDW services, CMHOC submits reapplication to LRE and follows process outlined in C above.
 3. At least one waiver service per month must be provided.
- E. Services are provided as prescribed in the IPOS and monitored by the assigned Wraparound Coordinator.
- F. All processes available to any CMHOC consumer are available to those who are on a SED Waiver, e.g., appeal and grievance, recipient rights, person-centered planning, etc.

VI. ATTACHMENT:
Not Applicable

VII. REFERENCE:
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Mental Health Code, the Medicaid Provider Manual, the MDHHS/CMHSP Contract, and MDHHS SEDW Program policy.