

## MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

### Brief description of policy:

This policy will expand Behavioral Health Home services in Genesee, Sanilac, and St. Clair Counties and authorize the following staff to be added to the health home staffing structure: SOAR Navigator, Housing Specialist, and Parent Support Partner.

### Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

This policy expands access to Behavioral Health Home services in Genesee, Sanilac, and St. Clair Counties within PIHP Region 10 and improves the quality of care by authorizing additional staff within the health home staffing structure. This change addresses the increasing demand for tailored care solutions, ensuring that beneficiaries receive appropriate support based on their unique needs. The incorporation of a SOAR Navigator and Housing Specialist into the health home staffing structure will significantly enhance support for beneficiaries facing Health Related Social Needs (HRSN), such as lack of housing or income. The addition of Parent Support Partners aims to provide families with essential peer support and guidance, ultimately improving engagement and fostering better outcomes for children and youth.

### Budget implication:

☐ budget neutral

☒ will cost MDHHS \$ 5.4 million per year (\$1.9 million general fund), and is budgeted in current appropriation

☐ will save MDHHS \$

### Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

No

### Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes, the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS), Data Warehouse, Waiver Support Application.

### Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

### Summary of input:

☐ controversial

☒ acceptable to most/all groups

☐ limited public interest/comment

### Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status:	If yes, Submission Date:
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COMMENT**

**Michigan Department of  
Health and Human Services**

**Project Number:** 2531-BH

**Date:** July 18, 2025

**Comments Due:** August 22, 2025

**Proposed Effective Date:** October 1, 2025

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**Policy Subject:** Behavioral Health Home Expansion and Authorization of Additional Staff

**Affected Programs:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild

**Distribution:** All Providers in Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Regions

**Summary:** This policy will expand Behavioral Health Home (BHH) services in Genesee, Sanilac, and St. Clair Counties within PIHP Region 10 and authorize additional staff within the health home staffing structure.

**Purpose:** This policy will expand access to BHH services in Genesee, Sanilac, and St. Clair Counties within PIHP Region 10 and authorize the inclusion of the following staff within the health home staffing structure: Parent Support Partner, SOAR Navigator, and Housing Specialist. This change addresses the increasing demand for tailored care solutions, ensuring that beneficiaries receive appropriate support based on their unique needs. The addition of Parent Support Partners aims to provide families with essential peer support and guidance, ultimately improving engagement and fostering better outcomes for children and youth. The incorporation of SOAR Navigators and Housing Specialists into the health home staffing structure will significantly enhance support for beneficiaries facing Health Related Social Needs (HRSN), such as lack of housing or income.

**Cost Implications:** \$5.4 million annually (\$1.9 million general fund)

**Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:** None Identified

**State Plan Amendment Required:** Yes ☒ No ☐  
**If yes, date submitted:**

**Public Notice Required:** Yes ☒ No ☐  
**Submitted date:**

**Tribal Notification:** Yes ☒ No ☐ - **Date:** June 25, 2025

**THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER**

☐ **Approved**

☐ **No Comments**

☐ **See Comments Below**

☐ **Disapproved**

☐ **See Comments in Text**

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# Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Health Services

**Distribution:** All Providers in Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Regions

**Issued:** August 29, 2025 (Proposed)

**Subject:** Behavioral Health Home Expansion and Authorization of Additional Staff

**Effective:** October 1, 2025 (Proposed)

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild

**Note: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 2703 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act/Section 1945 of the Social Security Act, the purpose of this policy is to provide for the coverage and reimbursement of Behavioral Health Home (BHH) services. This policy is effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2025. The policy applies to Fee-for-Service and managed care beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid, the Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Freedom to Work, or full Fee-for-Service Healthy Kids - Expansion who meet BHH eligibility criteria. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has a companion operational guide for BHH providers called the [Behavioral Health Home Handbook](#).

## **General Information**

The BHH provides comprehensive care management and coordination services to Medicaid beneficiaries with select Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SMI/SED) diagnoses. (Refer to the Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability Supports and Services chapter of the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for a detailed description of the BHH structure.) MDHHS is seeking approval from CMS to revise the current BHH SPA to expand access to Behavioral Health Home services in Genesee, Sanilac, and St. Clair Counties within PIHP Region 10 and add the following staff to the health home staffing structure: SOAR Navigator, Housing Specialist, and Parent Support Partner. The incorporation of a SOAR Navigator and Housing Specialist into the health home staffing structure will significantly enhance support for beneficiaries facing Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) such as lack of housing or income. The addition of Parent Support Partners aims to provide families

with essential peer support and guidance, ultimately improving engagement and fostering better outcomes for children and youth.

### **Provider Staffing**

This policy updates provider staffing to the following ratios per 100 beneficiaries.

<b>Title</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Health Home Director	0.25
Behavioral Health Specialist	0.25
Nurse Care Manager	1.00
Peer Support Specialist, Peer Recovery Coach, Youth Peer Support Specialist, Parent Support Partner, Community Health Worker, Medical Assistant, SOAR Navigator, Housing Specialist	3.00-5.00
Medical Consultant	0.10
Psychiatric Consultant	0.10
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>4.70-5.70</b>