MichiCANS Overview in PCE

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General Overview

Effective October 1, 2024, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will require the use of the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS). The CAFAS/PECFAS will no longer be required nor supported by MDHHS.
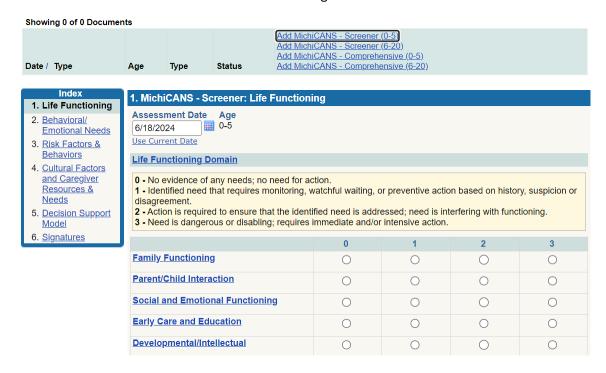
PCE has participated in the Soft Launch phase of the MichiCANS for over the past year. Working in collaboration with representatives from MDHHS, the Praed Foundation, the University of Kentucky and several CMH's and PIHP's, PCE designed four components to collect the necessary ratings outlined in the MichiCANS Reference Guides and additional follow-up information. These components can be added to as standalone documents and also embedded into documents that align with each agency's process.

Functionality - Components of the MichiCANS in PCE

The following are the details of the four components that have been created by PCE to support the use of the MichiCANS and associated data requirements by MDHHS. Each agency's MichiCANS data will be electronically submitted to the Department via Care Connect 360 (CC360).
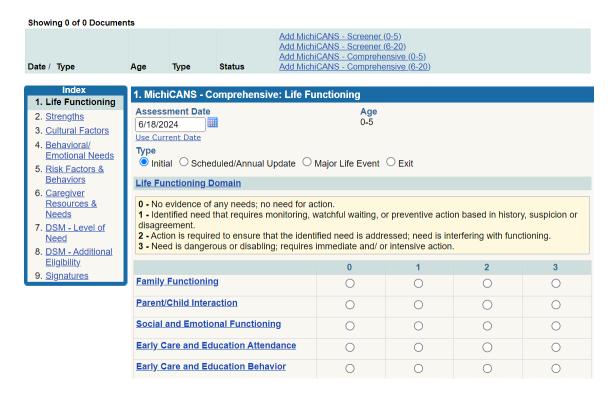
MichiCANS *Screener* Assessment

The MichiCANS Screener Assessment is designed in PCE as a component that can be completed as its own standalone document or it can be embedded within a document such as an Access Screening. The data from the Screener will be electronically submitted to MDHHS via CC360. Please reference the ***How to Work with MichiCANS*** user manual document for detailed information on how to navigate the MichiCANS Screener. Below is a brief sample screenshot:

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1. MichiCANS - Screener: Life Functioning

Assessment Date **Age**
6/18/2024   0-5
Use Current Date

Life Functioning Domain

0 - No evidence of any needs; no need for action.
1 - Identified need that requires monitoring, watchful waiting, or preventive action based on history, suspicion or disagreement.
2 - Action is required to ensure that the identified need is addressed; need is interfering with functioning.
3 - Need is dangerous or disabling; requires immediate and/or intensive action.

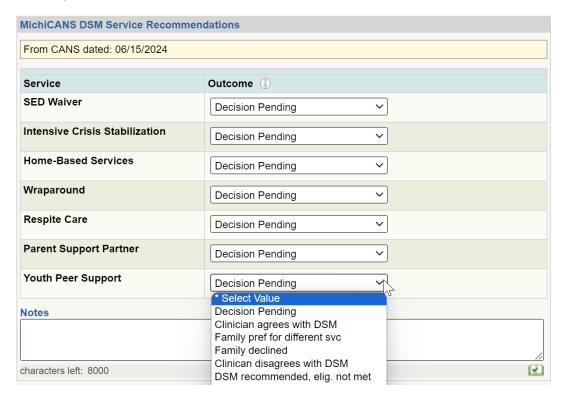|	0	1	2	3
Family Functioning	○	○	○	○
Parent/Child Interaction	○	○	○	○
Social and Emotional Functioning	○	○	○	○
Early Care and Education	○	○	○	○
Developmental/Intellectual	○	○	○	○

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MichiCANS *Comprehensive* Assessment

The MichiCANS Comprehensive Assessment is designed in PCE as a component that can be completed as its own standalone document or it can be embedded within any other document. The common placement is within an Intake/Annual Biopsychosocial Assessment (BPS). The data from the Comprehensive will be electronically submitted to MDHHS via CC360. The MichiCANS Comprehensive does not vary by 'Type' selected, it is only used to denote at what stage of services the assessment is being used. It is the exact same assessment, including all the same domains and items regardless of type. Please reference the *How to Work with MichiCANS* user manual document for detailed information on how to navigate the MichiCANS Comprehensive. See below a brief sample screenshot:

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1. MichiCANS - Comprehensive: Life Functioning

Assessment Date
6/18/2024
Use Current Date

Age
0-5

Type
◉ Initial ○ Scheduled/Annual Update ○ Major Life Event ○ Exit

Life Functioning Domain

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1 - Identified need that requires monitoring, watchful waiting, or preventive action based in history, suspicion or disagreement.
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	0	1	2	3
Family Functioning	○	○	○	○
Parent/Child Interaction	○	○	○	○
Social and Emotional Functioning	○	○	○	○
Early Care and Education Attendance	○	○	○	○
Early Care and Education Behavior	○	○	○	○

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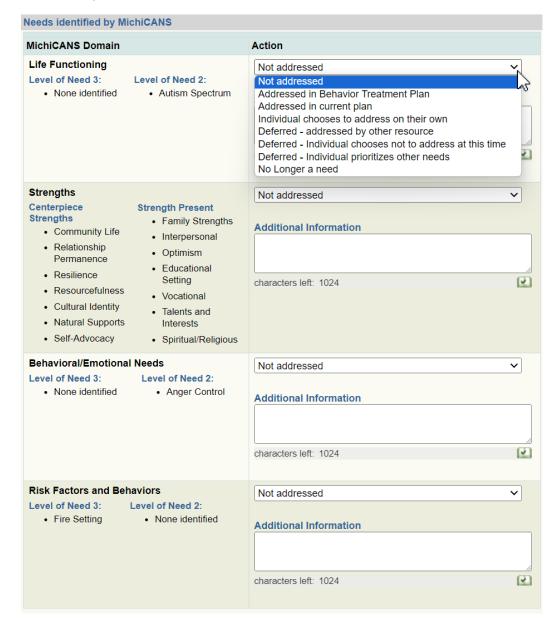
MichiCANS Decision Support Model (DSM) Recommendations Outcome Update

MDHHS is requiring that agencies electronically submit the outcome of the DSM Recommendations from the MichiCANS Comprehensive for SED Waiver and MICAS services (Home-Based, Intensive Crisis Stabilization, Wraparound, Respite Care, Parent Support Partners, and Youth Peer Support). This component is designed to facilitate the data collection needed to submit the information to the State via CC360. It can be added to any document in the system, such as the BPS, Pre-Plan or Treatment Plan. Each agency should determine at what point in their clinical processes the information will be available. For example, some agencies may know the outcome at the time of the Intake/Annual assessment. Others may not have all the information needed for the outcome until the time of the plan or possibly later. Placement of the component within an existing document is for the convenience of the clinician to complete the outcome information during other documentation. The DSM Outcome Updates may also be completed at any time through a standalone document attached to the MichiCANS Comprehensive Assessment. *(Please Note: for the sake of example, the screenshot below is displaying all the possible recommendations; in a real assessment, there would likely only be a small subset of services listed.)*

MichiCANS Needs/Action Taken

One of the intentions of the MichiCANS is for agencies to take action, supported through the person-centered treatment process, on any domain item that is rated a 2 or 3. This component allows for the clinician to document within the treatment plan, the action taken by the agency for the needs identified. It provides a method for MichiCANS specific documentation (for continuation of 'the golden thread') to support that the needs identified for the individual served are addressed. Any domain ratings of 2 or 3 are pulled into this section and the clinician uses the Action dropdown to indicate the status of that need. The domain needs that are rated a 0 or 1 will be listed below the 2 and 3 ratings section to allow for the clinician to document if that domain will still be considered in the treatment plan. *Please Note: The Soft Launch Team requested this piece to support auditing issues that may arise. The data collected in this section is only intended for internal agency use. It is not required information by MDHHS nor will this particular data be sent electronically to CC360.*

Needs identified by MichiCANS

MichiCANS Domain	Action
Life Functioning **Level of Need 3:** • None identified **Level of Need 2:** • Autism Spectrum	Not addressed ▾ Not addressed Addressed in Behavior Treatment Plan Addressed in current plan Individual chooses to address on their own Deferred - addressed by other resource Deferred - Individual chooses not to address at this time Deferred - Individual prioritizes other needs No Longer a need
Strengths **Centerpiece Strengths** • Community Life • Relationship Permanence • Resilience • Resourcefulness • Cultural Identity • Natural Supports • Self-Advocacy **Strength Present** • Family Strengths • Interpersonal • Optimism • Educational Setting • Vocational • Talents and Interests • Spiritual/Religious	Not addressed ▾ **Additional Information** characters left: 1024
Behavioral/Emotional Needs **Level of Need 3:** • None identified **Level of Need 2:** • Anger Control	Not addressed ▾ **Additional Information** characters left: 1024
Risk Factors and Behaviors **Level of Need 3:** • Fire Setting **Level of Need 2:** • None identified	Not addressed ▾ **Additional Information** characters left: 1024

Reports

A MichiCANS report has been developed and is included in the Report Catalog in the system. It includes the following data and filters:

In addition, if your agency receives a nightly download of your system, all the data collected through the MichiCANS components will be available for your report writer. Additional standard reports may be developed in the future as needs arise.

Resources

PCE has developed a MichiCANS User Manual that will be on the HELP tab in the system. This guide shows the user how to navigate the various components described above. A short video is also being created to guide users on the navigation of the MichiCANS. It will be accessed through a link in the HELP tab.

Clinical support for the MichiCANS is being provided by MDHHS and the Praed Foundation (the developers of the MichiCANS). For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/michicans and www.Praedfoundation.org. Questions may be sent to the MDHHS MichiCANS team at MDHHS-MichiCANS@michigan.gov.

CAFAS/PECFAS Mapping

MDHHS is aware that many of PCE's clients are using the scores of the CAFAS/PECFAS to guide benefit plans and service packages when authorizing services in the system through the Treatment Plan. Since the CAFAS/PECFAS is a psychometric theory tool and the MichiCANS is a communication theory tool, there is no comparison mapping available. They are currently working with the Praed Foundation and the University of Kentucky to provide prediction models that could be used during the transition period to help guide agencies on how to adjust benefit plans and levels of care for an individual. Once the prediction models are available, PCE will work to provide the information in the system.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the components of MichiCANS outlined in this overview or would like to discuss how to plan for implementation in your PCE system, please contact Katy Wagner at kwagner@pcesystems.com.

If you have any *clinical* questions related to the MichCANS such as how to complete the ratings sections or outcomes for the DSM recommendations or when it needs to be completed, please contact the MichiCANS team at MDHHS-MichiCANS@michigan.gov.

Agency Decision Points/Responsibilities

The following decision points are required for implementation of this feature. PCE Suggestions are based on the experiences of the Soft Launch.

Implementation Item	PCE Suggestions
1. **Screener -** Determine where (in what documents and the exact placement within the document) the MichiCANS *Screener* Assessment Tool Component should be added. If you agency is currently not responsible for providing access to services, this component does not need to be included.	Access Screening document before the disposition section
2. **Comprehensive -** Determine where (in what documents and the exact placement within the document) the MichiCANS *Comprehensive* Assessment Tool Component should be added.	Near the end of the Intake/Annual Assessment prior to the Diagnosis and Summary pages OR where you currently have the CAFAS/PECFAS component embedded
3. **DSM Outcomes -** Determine where the MichiCANS DSM Outcomes Update component (in what document(s) and the exact placement within the document) should be added.	The suggested document depends on your organization's process for determining SED Waiver and MICAS services. It may be at the end of the Intake/Annual, or in the Pre-Plan or the Treatment Plan.
4. **Needs/Actions Taken -** Determine where the MichiCANS Needs/Action Taken component (in what document(s) and the exact placement within the document) should be added.	Treatment Plan/IPOS after the Authorizations page
5. **Communicate** with your PCE Project Manager and Katy Wagner (**kwagner@pcesystems.com**) to plan for implementation and deployment to a Training or Development environment for Staff to review and practice using the MichiCANS prior to the October 1st Go Live for the new tool.	

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6/21/2024	Katy Purrenhage Wagner	Initial Version