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MEMORANDUM

To: **Children's Providers (SEDW and Children's Waiver Services)**
From: **Stacey Sharp (AVP, Clinical Operations)**
CC: **Stacie Durant (VP of Finance), Erik Hutchison (VP of Clinical Operations), Marlena Hampton (Director of Utilization Management)**
Re: **Waiver Authorization and Billing Requirements**
Date: **November 10, 2026**

DWIHN is providing clarification regarding authorization and billing requirements for members enrolled in the Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver (SEDW) and Children's Waiver programs. Providers are responsible for verifying waiver enrollment and ensuring services are authorized and billed through the appropriate contract pathway.

Provider Requirements
A member's waiver enrollment status can be verified in MHWIN under the **Program Assignment** section.
Providers must:

- Verify waiver enrollment status before requesting or billing services.
- Authorize and bill waiver services only through the **Direct Contract** authorization pathway.
- Authorize and bill all non-waiver services through the **Outpatient Contract** authorization pathway.
- Ensure authorization and billing practices align with the member's current waiver enrollment status.

Failure to follow these requirements may result in recoupment of funds for incorrectly authorized or billed services.

Direct Contract Authorization Use
Only the services listed below may be authorized through the Direct Contract pathway for members actively enrolled in the SEDW or Children's Waiver.

Direct Contract Authorization Only

CPT Code	Services	SEDW Services	Children Waiver Services
G0176	Therapeutic Activities • Art Therapy • Music Therapy • Recreation Therapy	**x**	**x**

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T2027	Overnight Health & Safety Support	**x**	**x**
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97124	Massage Therapy		**x**
T1017	Supports Coordination		**x**
H2015	Community Living Supports	**x**	**x**
T1005	Respite	**x**	**x**
S5145	Child Therapeutic Family Care	**x**	
T2040	Fiscal Management Services	**x**	**x**
S5111	Family Training	**x**	**x**
S5116	Non-Family Training	**x**	**x**

Adverse Benefit Determination (ABD) Process
Effective October 1, 2026, DWIHN will issue an Adverse Benefit Determination (ABD) letter whenever waiver services are reduced, suspended, or terminated.
When an ABD is required for **waiver termination**, providers must:

- Submit the ABD request to Monica Hampton (mhampton@dwihn.org) for SED Waiver or Luke Gogliotti (lgogliotti@dwihn.org) for Children's Waiver within 24 hours of determining that an ABD is needed.
- Complete all required documentation.
- Notify involved outpatient providers when the ABD letter is issued.
- Document coordination activities in the member record.

Following issuance of the ABD letter, DWIHN will terminate applicable waiver service authorizations. If services will continue, an IPOS Addendum must be completed to authorize ongoing services.

SEDW Authorization Requirements
Current SEDW Authorizations
By **November 30, 2026**, providers must complete an IPOS Addendum to align all current SEDW authorizations with the end date identified in the corresponding MDHHS SEDW approval letter.
New SEDW Authorizations
Upon receipt of a new MDHHS SEDW approval letter, providers must complete an IPOS Addendum to ensure all SEDW authorizations align with the approval letter end date.
Questions
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