



PROVIDER ALERT

TCM III and 1915(i) Services Update

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The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has made several changes to the 1915(i) Intensive Behavioral Health Services program and the Targeted Case Management (TCM) for Children and Youth Level III participant enrollment criteria that will go into effect October 1, 2020. These changes will affect the types of services provided by 1915(i) facilities (PT 89) as well as participant enrollment criteria for both 1915(i) and TCM Level III services. The intent of these changes is to expand access and utilization of these services to eligible individuals.

It is the responsibility of the Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) to determine whether a participant is in need of more intensive services based on the new eligibility criteria for TCM Level III and 1915(i) services. Both the enrollment and authorization processes for TCM Level III and 1915(i) remain the same.

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Changes Made to 1915(i) Services:

Effective 10/1/2020, 1915(i) facilities will no longer provide Mobile Crisis Response Services (MCRS) or Customized Goods and Services. These two specific services were removed from the 1915(i) array of services due to low utilization as well as other factors. The Intensive In-Home Service (IIHS) has a crisis service component which overlaps with MCRS. The State has another mechanism to fund Customized Goods and Services, hence why it was removed from the 1915(i) program.

Changes to 1915(i) Participant Enrollment Criteria:

The changes made to the participant enrollment criteria will make it easier for children and youth to enroll in the 1915(i) program. The updates to 1915(i) participant enrollment criteria are italicized and in bold in the table below.

Participant Enrollment Criteria	Previous Participant Enrollment Criteria	Participant Enrollment Criteria effective 10/1/2020
Consent	Age of consent is 18 years old	Age of consent is 16 years old
Financial Eligibility	Income cannot exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	Income cannot exceed 300% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).
Needs-Based Eligibility	Youth must have had an evaluation and assignment of a Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) diagnosis from a face-to-face psychiatric evaluation completed or updated within 30 days of application submission.	Youth must have had an evaluation and assignment of a Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) diagnosis or Diagnostic Criteria 05 (DC 0-5) from a face-to-face psychosocial evaluation completed or updated within 30 days of application submission.
	Children ages 0-5 must receive a score from 4-5 on the Early Childhood Services Intensity Instrument (ECSII).	Children ages 0-5 must receive a score from 3-5 on the Early Childhood Services Intensity Instrument (ECSII).
	Children ages 0-5 whose ECSII scores fall between 4-5 must meet one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be referred directly from an inpatient hospital unit; or ● Be living in the community and have two or more psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations in the past 12 months 	Children ages 0-5 whose ECSII scores fall between 3-5 must meet one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be referred directly from an inpatient or day hospital unit, PCP, outpatient psychiatric facility, ECMH Consultation Program in daycare, Head Start, Early Head Start, Judy Hoyer Centers, or home visiting programs; or ● Be living in the community and have one or more psychiatric inpatient or day hospitalizations, ER visits, exhibit severe aggression,

		<p><i>display dangerous behavior, been suspended or expelled from school or child care setting, display emotional and/or behavioral disturbance prohibiting their care by anyone other than their primary caregiver, at risk of out-of-home placement or placement disruption, have severe temper tantrums that place the child or family members at risk of harm, have trauma exposures and other adverse life events, or at risk of family related risk factors including safety, parent-child relational conflict, and poor health and developmental outcomes</i> in the past 12 months</p>
	<p>Youth ages 6-21 must receive a score of 5-6 on the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII).</p>	<p>Youth ages 6-21 must receive a score from 3-6 on the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII).</p>
	<p>Youth ages 6-12 with a CASII score of 5 must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be transitioning from a Residential Treatment Center (RTC); or ● Be living the community and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have 2 or more inpatient psychiatric 	<p>Youth ages 6-21 whose CASII scores fall between 3-5 must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be living in the community and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have 2 or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations or ER visits in the past 12

	hospitalizations in the past 12 months; or ○ Have been in an RTC within the past 90 days.	months; or ○ Have been in an RTC within the past 90 days
	Youth at least 13 years of age with a CASII score of 5 must meet one of the following criteria: ● Be transitioning from a Residential Treatment Center (RTC); or ● Be living in the community and: ○ Have 3 or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations in the past 12 months; or ○ Have been in an RTC within the past 90 days	

Changes Made to TCM Level III Participant Enrollment Criteria:

The changes made to the TCM Level III participant enrollment criteria will make it easier for children and youth to access a higher level of care and mirror those that have been made to the 1915(i) program. The updated TCM Level III participant eligibility criteria can also be found in [COMAR 10.09.90.07](#). The updates to the TCM Level III participant enrollment criteria are italicized and in bold in the table below.

Previous Participant Enrollment Criteria	Participant Enrollment Criteria effective 10/1/2020
The participant has a behavioral health disorder amenable to active clinical treatment, resulting from a face-to-face psychiatric evaluation	The participant has a behavioral health disorder amenable to active clinical treatment, resulting from a face-to-face <i>psychosocial assessment by a licensed mental health professional</i>
Children ages 0-5 must receive a score of 4-5 on the Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII)	Children ages 0-5 must receive a <i>score of 3</i> on the Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII)

<p>Children ages 0-5 who have a score of a 4 on the ECSII must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be referred directly from an inpatient hospital unit; or ● If living in the community, have two or more psychiatric hospitalizations in the last 12 months 	<p>Children ages 0-5 who have a score of a 3 or 4 on the ECSII must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be referred directly from an inpatient hospital unit; or ● If living in the community, have one or more psychiatric hospitalizations or emergency room visits in the last 12 months
<p>Youth ages 6-21 must receive a score of 5-6 on the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII)</p>	<p>Youth ages 6-21 must receive a score of 3 or higher on the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII)</p>
<p>Youth ages 6-12 whose CASII scores fall between 5-6 must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be transitioning from a residential treatment center; or ● Be living in the community and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have 2 or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations in the past 12 months; or ○ Have been in an RTC within the past 90 days 	<p>Youth ages 6-21 whose CASII scores fall between 3-5 must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be transitioning from a residential treatment center; or ● Be living in the community and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have any combination of 2 or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations or emergency room visits in the past 12 months; or ○ Have been in an RTC within the past 90 days
<p>Youth at least 13 years of age with a CASII score between 5-6 must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have 3 or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations in the past 12 months; or ● Have been in an RTC within the past 90 days 	

If you have any questions regarding the changes to the 1915(i) program or the TCM Level III participant eligibility criteria, please contact mdh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

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