

Illinois Medicaid Comprehensive Assessment of Needs and Strengths (IM+CANS) Workgroup Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, | 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Meeting held virtually using WebEx. Pre-registration is not required.

I. Roll Call

Matt Stinson	University of Illinois School of Social Work
Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Chelsea Mueller	Heritage Behavioral Health
Michelle Zambrano	Will County Health Department
Laura Kuever	Catholic Charities
Eileen Niccolai	Thresholds
Virginia Rossi	Thresholds

Quorum achieved with 7 out of 11 members in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

April and June meeting minutes were approved.

III. Updates

I. IM+CANS/ PATH Training:

- a.** The self-paced summary of changes course has been recorded and is now available on the website. We plan to keep it accessible until the end of the year, but if there are any changes, PATH will provide updates. We are currently expecting around 80 learners in September. The PATH team will decide in December whether the course needs to remain available for a longer period.
- b.** We have successfully engaged around 750 participants in the IM+CANS course, whereas the enrollment for our instructor-led motivational interviewing course has been lower. The basic interviewing course has been available for quite some time, attracting approximately 90 participants each month. PATH plans to update this course to enhance its engagement.
- c.** Overall, PATH has welcomed approximately 200 to 300 learners each week. Many of them request assistance with accessing our sessions via Zoom. Instructions for setting up a free Zoom account can be found in the banner. To improve the experience, we are also adding more information to the course registration confirmation and reminder emails.

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IV. IM+CANS Portal:

- a. Some providers still need to complete their recertifications. If you are experiencing any issues, please let us know so we can address them as quickly as possible.
- b. HFS has completed the updates to the portal consent, and the new consent form is now available on the website. We have also sent the Spanish translation to the vendor and are currently awaiting its return.

V. Assessment Tools:

- a. HFS is currently working on the SUD addendum and the DCFS addendum. We are in the early stages of meeting with our sister agencies, such as SUPR and DCFS. At this time, we don't have much information to share.
- b. HFS is currently updating the crisis assessment tool, IM+CAT, to align with the new demographic fields and aspects of the IM+CANS. We have received several requests to add additional features, and we are considering those suggestions. One example is the inclusion of victimization and exploitation in the CAT to better account for victims of human trafficking.

VI. Provider Discussion:

- a. **Reference Guide: Is there any consideration for updating the reference guide, as it does not align with the revised IM+CANS?**

Please see the updated IM+CANS Reference Guide available on our HFS IM+CANS webpage. Updated Reference Guide Link:

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/hfs/sitecollectiondocuments/2024imcansreferenceguide.pdf>

- b. **Age-Related Data:**

For direct data entry in the portal, the age restriction for atypical repetitive behavior remains at 0-6 years. Can this restriction be removed? Providers can still use it, and we will collaborate with the developer to address this issue. If you have any other individual-based issues send an email to HFS.IATP@illinois.gov.

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c. Identified Portal Issues:

- i. Goal 2 disappears when saving the CANS with direct data entry. HFS will send that to issue to our developer.
- ii. HFS is working to update the portal on the mislabel regarding fire setting and danger to others.
- iii. Right now, the N/A option doesn't exist in the portal. The guidance is to rate it as a zero.

d. Portal Data Dashboard Requests: What kind of data would we like to see on a dashboard on the portal?

Provider response: Filter functions, exporting functions, the status of medical records requests.

e. Billing Clarification:

Time spent on clinical activities is reimbursable, but documentation time is not. There is no set limit on the time for synthesizing information.

f. Accreditation Requests:

Please send any request regarding accreditation requirements to send an email to HFS.IATP@illinois.gov.

VII. Next Steps for the Work Group:

On December 11, 2024, we will discuss the quarterly meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT