

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

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, | 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Meeting held virtually using WebEx. Pre-registration is not required.

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ATTENDANCE

Matt Stinson	University of Illinois School of Social Work
Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Chelsea Mueller	Heritage Behavioral Health
Cris Mugrage	Sinnissippi Centers
Michelle Zambrano	Will County Health Department
Rebecca Horwitz	Kenneth Young Centers
Eileen Niccolai	Thresholds
Virginia Rossi	Thresholds

Quorum achieved with 8 out of 11 members in attendance.

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes

August and October meeting minutes were approved.

II. Updates:

1) IM+CANS/ PATH Training:

a. Current IM+CANS Related Training

- i. Self- Paced IM+CANS Engagement Strategy course
- ii. Instructor- led Motivational Interviewing Companion course
- iii. Summary of changes course

1. Plan to retire course at the end of the month.

2) IM-CAT:

There have been conversations that if you complete an IM-CAT that a significant chunk of that should transfer to the CANS, so you are not starting from zero when moving out of crisis into outpatient services.

- a. Has there been any discussion on how those tools translate this information?

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- i. The IM-CAT items are being worked on updated and things are being updated with Dr Lyons and the team. Matt is going to give this some thought and work with the create team to address this.

3) SUD/ DCFS addendum:

HFS has started conversations with the substance use team, and this is in a very beginning stage, and we don't have many updates right now and this is for the DCFS team as well.

4) HRA:

The health risk screening is only required for CCBHC providers, it remains optional for all other provider types, at this time.

III. Batch Upload Recertification Process:

- a. Provider that use the batch upload method, are required to recertify prior to batch uploading into the updated IM+CANS Provider Portal. This doesn't mean recertifying on the IM+CANS tool, that a separate process.
- b. Providers should continue to work on this with our IT portal staff to complete the recertification process using the updated IM+CANS data dictionary and sample batch upload tools.

IV. Portal Dashboard Discussion:

Provider Suggestions:

- Add expiration/ renewal or reassessment date reminders.
- Providers want access to their client's new and historical IM+CANS data, including any IM+CANS completed by another provider in one convenient location, after being granted access to that data.
- Providers would like the capability of opening multiple CANS in a separate screen to compare them or copy and paste old information from the progress summary.
- Batch upload providers need a method to check if there is already a CANS in the portal.
- Providers recommend the ability to lock the LPHA signature section.
- Providers would like the ability to run reports and capture data that HFS may require in future reporting.

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V. Group Discussion:

- When will providers have access to the Spanish version of the IM+CANS, and does HFS anticipate translating the CANS into other languages?
HFS plans to release a Spanish version by February of 2025 but do not have an exact timeline. HFS is working with the Praed Foundation to CANS translated into Spanish and make the IM+CANS ADA compliant.
- What is the difference between an update and a reassessment?
The difference between an update and a reassessment is a reassessment is at 180 days and an update is a change that can occur anytime during the 180-day window. The Initial IM+CANS is the client's first IM+CANS.
All IM+CANS should be entered into the IM+CANS Provider Portal within 10 business days of the LPHA signature date.
- Is HFS planning to release any guidance for DDE users?
HFS anticipates having that posted soon and this will address some questions presented today. The guide will be released within the next 30 days and will be accessible on the IM+CANS Portal web page. HFS will send out a Listserv notification to alert providers. Please make sure that you are signed up for Listserv and Provider notices.

VI. Next Steps:

- a. Data Analysis
- b. Remaining Bucket List Items
- c. The next meetings will be quarterly in 2025, beginning on March 12th.

VII. Adjournment.