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

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

I.   **Roll Call**

Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Matt Stinson	University of Illinois School of Social Work
Cris Mugrage	Sinnissippi Centers
Theresa Pickering	Egyptian Public Health Department
Rebecca Horwitz	Kenneth Young Center
Laura Kuever	Catholic Charities
Eileen Niccolai	Thresholds
Virginia Rossi	Thresholds

Quorum achieved with 8 of 11 members present.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

a. October meeting minutes approval held.

III. **Updates**

a. IM+CANS/ PATH Training:
   i. PATH has been in prep for turning on new training. The training for the new IM+CANS training tool will be in March. PATH is also updating the treatment plan /plan of care course and that will also be ready in March. Time-limited instructor-led course for those already certified to walk through the changes. HFS anticipates seeing that running for possibly 3 months and launching in March. We will be sending email blasts when they are ready.
   ii. Self-paced IM+CANS Engagement Strategy course.
   iii. Instructor-led- led Motivational Interviewing Companion course.

b. IM+CANS:
   i. HFS has recently put changes in production, and we will put out a provider notice with additional info, regarding the release of the updated data dictionary and other items. The portal will now accept updates. When someone submits an update, we accept it as a full CANS with the update on there. HFS has updated the diagnosis codes and with instructions for batch uploaders to be mindful of using the diagnosis code list. It should cover all

the ICD range and a few others outside of that. The approved diagnosis codes have not changed it is just what the portal will accept. HFS did not remove any we expanded the list.

ii. Minor update to the service type code list to encompass the new Pathways service offerings. There will be a release to the data dictionary that has the service and ICD codes. HFS is working on a provider notice to outline the changes. We anticipate this should be out there in the next few weeks.

iii. Changes: 4/1/2024 go live for the new IM+CANS form. All providers should be using the new form on or after 4/1. We are trying to cut down on duplication of data entry for those who do direct data entry.

iv. We anticipate the data dictionary release next week. HFS is looking at releasing a sample XML file for updates a few weeks after that. Once those items are ready, we plan to set up a webinar for programming staff to answer questions. HFS is still on target for 4/1/24. It will be strongly recommended everyone go through the test system first. 4/1 is the expected date to use the new form and our programmers are trying to be ready for the upload process as well. It will be a hard cutover. We are not looking to punish anyone if they are fine-tuning things and cannot get CANS uploaded in 10 days. Once we meet with programmers, they will tell us more. The technical webinar is anticipated to be held in early Feb. and HFS will send out a provider notice with the registration link.

v. Nothing will change how the EHR vendors work on the front end while they are working on the back end. We are hoping that EHR vendors are still working on the front end while waiting for updates on the backend changes. Technical teams should send issues and questions to the HFS.IATP@illinois.gov inbox and we will take these issues to our programmers for feedback and guidance.

vi. The treatment plan is being streamlined significantly.

vii. HFS will be releasing the Appendix A key soon.

viii. The Portal User Guide will also be updated, and we have intentions to release a user guide for clinicians and then something more towards portal usage and expectations. We do have a batch upload guide, HFS is aware of the broken links, and we are working to get those fixed.

ix. Data dictionary next week sample XML files will be shortly behind that, and we anticipate a provider notice with registration for a technical webinar in early Feb, but we can push back if needed. if you have very specific technical terms to share, send the HFS.IATP@illinois.gov inbox. HFS staff will address any programmers' questions that may come into the HFS.IATP@illinois.gov inbox.

x. Additionally, we are finalizing the Portal Consent Form and the Confidentiality Form. We have not addressed the issue of multiple NPI for the portal. All other items and changes are still on the table, and we will prioritize issues with programmers once the portal updates are done.

xi. We want to continue to make portal improvements in order to improve functionality. We are working on a provider notice to include all the updates the technical team has made before 4/1/24. The technical webinar is anticipated to be held in early Feb. and we will send out a provider notice with a registration link.

xii. Reference Guide Updates: we are working with the Praed Foundation, and we should have a draft by the end of the month. The reference guide should be available by the time the trainings are issued, but before 4/1/24. The Praed Foundation is in the process of changing the documents to be ADA-compliant and that is the hold-up. We are working on a few companion guides and are trying to get better information out there.

IV. **Next Steps for the Work Group:**

i. Accreditation: Members were asked to submit input to Kristen regarding specific accreditation recommendations for review please send those to the HFS.IATP@illinois.gov inbox.

ii. There are a few outstanding addendums that need to be addressed, (DCFS, SUPR). These will be prioritized after the Portal updates are completed. HFS is currently working with DCFS around crisis care and CCBH. We will table the DCFS and SUPR Addendums, and plan to address them in spring or early summer.

iii. Recommendations for future meeting schedule:

   a. Plan to continue the discussion about broadening our membership after the 4/1 updates or in March and maybe make it an application process to join the group.

   b. Plan to discuss the IM+CANS Workgroup's monthly meeting schedule to determine if any changes to the time, date, or duration are needed.

V. **Links**:

   a. The HFS.IATP@illinois.gov inbox.
   b. Provider Notices/Subscribe: https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/notices.html
   c. IM+CANS Account Assistance omi.cansaccount@uillinois.edu
   d. IM+CANS Workgroup Link: https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/behavioral/communitymentalhealthcenter/imcansworkgroupinformation.html
   e. Webinars and FAQs Link: https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/behavioral/webinarsandfaqs.html

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13th, 2024, from 10 am – 11 am.