

Weekly Education Call – The SED Waiver

The term “serious emotional disturbance” (SED) refers to a diagnosed mental health condition that substantially disrupts a child's ability to function socially, academically, and/or emotionally.

Who does the SED Waiver serve?

Services provided under the SED waiver are for children 4 to 18 years of age who experience serious emotional disturbance and who are at risk of inpatient psychiatric treatment. SED waiver services provide children with special intensive support so they may remain in their homes and communities.

The SED services:

Parents and children are actively involved in planning for all services. The SED waiver is a federal Medicaid waiver program. Local Community Mental Health Centers provide services covered by the program. Children who meet eligibility requirements will receive a medical card and are eligible for Medicaid physical and behavioral health services.

SED Waiver Services Include:

- **Wraparound Facilitator:** A person who works with the family and their identified supports to set treatment goals and decide on services for the child and family.
- **Parent Support and Training:** Services designed to provide education, assistance, and other support to parents and families.
- **Independent Living Skills Building:** Staff supported development of the skills needed in order to live independently.
- **Attendant Care:** A staff person who helps the child with daily tasks.
- **Professional Resource Family Care (Crisis Stabilization):** Intensive support services provided to the child outside the home in a safe environment.
- **Short Term Respite Care:** A service given inside or outside the home to provide caregivers and the child a break.

To be eligible for a Waiver, one must be determined:

1. Eligible for the specific waiver program.
2. Functionally eligible (you must qualify for long-term care via functional assessment)

3. Financially eligible - The State of Kansas uses the KanCare program to provide Medicaid. All Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers are a part of KanCare, so waiver applicants must be eligible for KanCare/Kansas Medicaid.

The Single “Point of Entry” for SED Waiver is the local community mental health center.

The single “point of entry” that completes each functional assessment varies depends on which waiver is being applied for. The local community mental health center (CMHC) is the single point of entry for the SED Waiver. There are 27 CMHCs in Kansas and a map showing their location and contact information can be found at the website: www.kdads.ks.gov/CSP/MH_Index.html.

Parent Fee

A small portion of the costs for services may be billed to parents or guardians by the State of Kansas, based upon available resources. A child cannot be denied services or be removed from the SED waiver because of nonpayment of the Partial Parent Fee.

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