



## **Policy Directive 2023-06-01**

### **Title: HCBS to SIA (or State Hospital) -Temporary Stay Updates**

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**Program(s) impacted: LTC Medical Programs**

The purpose of this document is to provide updated guidance regarding active HCBS recipients who admit into a State Institutional Alternative (SIA) facility or State Hospital for a temporary stay as noted in MKEESM 8173.4(2). The direction provided in this Policy Directive is effective upon release and may be applied retroactively as needed. This guidance supersedes section III(A) of [PM2021-09-01 State Institutional Alternative \(SIA\) Policy Implementation](#) where applicable. The updates noted in this Policy Directive will be updated in the next scheduled MKEESM revision.

#### **A. Background**

Due to the nature of services provided by SIA facilities, KDHE – DHCF policy applied the same policies of State Hospital stays to SIA stay, including HCBS temporary stays where an individual's HCBS coding remains in place (not changed to TC coding for a temporary stay), due to the understanding that SIA facilities were considered the same as a State Institution. While it is true that the eligibility policies noted in MKEESM 8112.4 (1) and (2) are applicable, this solely applies to the eligibility of that individual and necessarily to all coding updates, specifically HCBS temporary stays as noted in MKEESM 8173.4(2). As SIA facilities must have a Level of Care (LOC) code established in KMMS for the provider to receive payment, an update to the SIA implementation policy is required and will also now apply to HCBS to State Hospital temporary stay admissions.

#### **B. Policy**

Effective with the release of this directive, active HCBS recipients that admit into an SIA facility or State Hospital for a temporary stay (that remain otherwise eligible for LTC coding), shall be coded for a temporary stay (HCBS Temp Stay) as determined by MKEESM 8113 for the full duration of the temporary stay.

With this directive, children receiving coverage under the SED waiver that admit into an SIA facility must also be coded as noted above, as the special 14-day funding policy for State Institutions does not apply to SIA facilities.

Staff may refer to the KEES User Manual for KEES processing instructions for HCBS Temporary Stays, including SIA or State Hospital stays.

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