

UPDATES

Office of Special Education

Michigan Department of Education

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WHAT'S NEW?

Complaints

- The Office of Special Education's Program Accountability unit is announcing that state complaints are now a part of the Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System (CIMS).
- Moving forward, if a district has a state complaint filed against them, the district CIMS coordinator and ISD representative will be able to access the state complaint documents, respond as needed during the complaint investigation, and complete any resulting district and student level corrective actions within CIMS.
- To learn more about how a district can view its state complaint and respond, visit the CIMS training site for a detailed document, [How to Access State Complaints for Districts](#)

Monitoring – Training Opportunity

- May Workbook Preview – May 12, 10:00 a.m. – This webinar is intended for all CIMS coordinators as we prepare for the third major workbook release. This workbook contains reports for each local district and ISD, including Determinations. There will be data warning letters for B-4 (Rates of suspension and expulsion) and B-5 (Educational environments). This webinar will be recorded, close captioned, and later posted to the CIMS training site. You can access the webinar at [May Workbook Preview Webinar](#)

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- Meetings in 2016-2017 of the ISD Medicaid Implementers are at Ingham ISD from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with phone for audio and web access for viewing the agenda/meeting materials. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 (if needed – it conflicts with MAASE).
- Annual Michigan Medicaid SBS Conference is scheduled for August 24-25, 2017 in Troy at the Somerset Inn. For more information contact Kevin Bauer at BauerK2@michigan.gov
- Annual Conference of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) is scheduled for October 15-18, 2017, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at The Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel. For more information go to: www.MedicaidForEducation.org
- Jane Reagan retired on February 24, 2017. Until her successor is hired, on an interim basis here are some contacts:
 - For Medicaid staff changes in your ISD, please inform Toni Sturgis (Calhoun ISD) so she may update the email list, general contact lists, and add them to dropbox. Contact information: SturgisT@calhounISD.org Phone: 269-789-2426

- Jan Weckstein, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education, Michigan Department of Education. Contact information: WecksteinJ@michigan.gov Phone: 517-241-4521 for: Agenda items for the quarterly Implementer meetings and General Medicaid SBS questions.
- For specific Medicaid SBS questions contact the Medicaid staff:
 - Policy: Kevin Bauer BauerK2@michigan.gov Phone: 517-284-1197
 - Financial reports, Medicaid Annual Expense Report (MAER), Reimbursement: Amy Kanter KanterA@michigan.gov Phone: 517-373-4522
 - Audits of Michigan ISDs: John Lambert LambertJ4@michigan.gov Phone: 517-335-4792

Michigan Special Education Reference (MI-SER)

The Office of Special Education has been replacing documents on the MI-SER with the accessible version. Some documents have been temporarily removed until the accessible version becomes available.

Letters that have been placed on the MI-SER.

- Letter to Erickson, May 1, 2000, North Carolina timelines for IDEA claims.
- Letter to Zimberlin, October 19, 2000, Timelines for requesting hearings and introduction of issues.
- Letter to Nelson, November 22, 2000, Connecticut's statutory due process provisions.
- Letter to Douglas, April 19, 2001, Hearing requests from someone other than parent.
- Letter to Greer, September 12, 2002, Conduct of due process hearings.
- Letter to Anonymous, December 10, 2013, Due process hearing rights of the aggrieved party.
- Letter to Anonymous, January 2, 2017, SEA as a party to due process hearings.
- Letter to Pugh, January 18, 2017, IEP's and progress reporting.

Other documents.

- Fry v Napoleon Community Schools, February 22, 2017, Supreme Court Decision
- Federal Register Volume 81, Number 243, December 19, 2016

Early Childhood

- The tentative allocations for 2017-2018 Early On formula allocations are posted under "State Resources:" [MDE Earlyon](#)

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Transition Workshop – April 26, 2017 @ Clinton RESA Topics: SPP 14, WIOA, the Transition Grant, B-13, and Summary of Performance
- April 13, 2017 – July 27, 2017 [Regional On-Demand Beginner Braille Class](#) Troy, Michigan - This class is designed for those who support students who are blind/visually impaired. Participants will learn the basics of reading and writing braille and where to access instructional resources.

- April 21, 2017 – April 22, 2017 [Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment \(EIPA\) Skill Development Workshop](#) Lansing, Michigan - During the workshop, the team of presenters will provide specific skill instruction, and participants will have a chance to engage in small group and partner practice. Presenters will also provide individual feedback designed to help educational interpreters improve skills assessed on the EIPA.
- April 22, 2017 [Family Nature Club: Spring Gardening Event](#) Greenville, Michigan - The Family Nature Club is an opportunity for families to get outside and play. We desire to create a natural space for families to enjoy each other and the great outdoors. We'll work in the camp garden, do some spring cleanup and enjoy the outdoors together.
- May 6, 2017 (Morning and Afternoon session) [Equine Guided Journey for Children Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired](#) Howell, Michigan - Everyone loves to learn all about horses! This event will include a meet-and-greet with the herd, a reflective grooming session, and much more! Participants will have the opportunity to develop self-confidence, personal awareness, nonverbal communication skills, social skills, experiential learning activities with the horses, and trust through experiences with different leadership styles. This event is for students who are 10-16 years old.
- May 8, 2017 – May 9, 2017 [Microsoft Word 2010 Using JAWS](#) Cadillac, Michigan - This course is designed for individuals who will be teaching a student with a visual impairment how to use Microsoft Word 2010 using JAWS. The class will cover a variety of topics, including Office 2010 layout and structure, the file tab and backstage view, the Ribbon, the Access Keys, the Quick Access Toolbar, editing, formatting, and more!
- May 12, 2017 [Beginner Apple iOS](#) Flint, Michigan - Participants will receive hands-on instruction, including pairing a refreshable braille display with the iPad and iPhone, learning about the latest updates and upgrades for the Apple products, and much more!
- June 20, 2017 to June 21, 2017 [Outdoor Education Workshop: Confidence](#) Greenville, Michigan - Middle school students in grades 6th-8th are encouraged to sign up and attend this 2 day/1 night workshop at Camp Tuhsmeheeta. Middle school students are developmentally ready to discover and test their physical, social-emotional and mental capabilities. The program will include one-touch self-defense training, outdoor recreation activities and team-building challenges which are all focused on building self-determination.
- June 26, 2017 to June 27, 2017 [Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment \(EIPA\) Skill Development Workshop](#) Traverse City, Michigan - During the workshop, the team of presenters will provide specific skill instruction, and participants will have a chance to engage in small group and partner practice. Presenters will also provide individual feedback designed to help educational interpreters improve skills assessed on the EIPA.