

## **Level of Care Descriptions\***

### **Children with Severe Emotional Disorders or Developmental Disabilities**

*\*The following descriptions are to be used as a guideline only and are not intended to be exclusionary or all inclusive*

#### **Level 1: SED-C1 or DD-C1**

- Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
- Natural supports provide for basic needs
- Minimal risk of harm to self or others with natural supports in place
- Needs met by primary outpatient programs such as Medication services, Respite, and/or Outpatient Therapy but may need some B3 Supports Coordination periodically
- 20 or fewer service support contacts needed per year

#### **Level 2: SED-C2 or DD-C2**

- Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
- Child has needs that require ongoing (twice monthly to quarterly) support and coordination
- Child is not enrolled in the HSW or Child Waiver programs
- Specific outcomes that supports are likely to impact regarding improved level of functioning and/or remission of presenting symptoms are identifiable
- Minimal immediate risk of self-harm or harm to others

#### **Level 3: SED-C3 or DD-C3**

- Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
- May require up to 3 times weekly Targeted Case Management support, weekly Community Living Support, monthly psychiatric monitoring and other clinic services
- May be HSW or Child Waiver enrolled

#### **Level 4: SED-C4 or DD-C4**

- Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
- Has medical necessity for intense community based services, such as home-based, specialized residential, MST or wrap-around services
- May be HSW or Child Waiver enrolled
- Symptom severity does not pose immediate risk of harm but risk would be substantially greater if specialty supports were not in place
- Requires multi-disciplinary supports, including intensive Targeted Case Management or HSW Supports Coordination
- Contact as often as needed, typically from two hours per week to daily

Attachment 3

- **Level AUT: SED or DD**
- Available to Medicaid recipients under 21 years old
- For new cases, coming through Access, that has rule out Autism Spectrum Disorder and positive brief screen, such as M-CHAT or SCQ screening tool
- Temporary level of care while further diagnostic evaluations are completed for Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- All level 4 services that are medically necessary are available, as medically necessary, during the interim of further evaluation.