

SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: The Department of Public Health and Human Services created the Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) program in 2005. No state statutes specifically authorize or govern the program. Instead, DPHHS created the program through administrative rules, under its broad statutory authority to administer the state Medicaid program and to provide services to children. The program allows schools to offer mental health treatment in the school setting, under the school's Medicaid provider number. Schools provide the matching funds for the services. Children generally must have a diagnosis of Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) to receive services. However, some short-term interventional services are available to children with other behavioral health needs. Schools may offer the services themselves or contract for them. If they contract, administrative rules require that the contract be with a licensed mental health center.

Other Materials:

[Office of Public Instruction CSCT Website](#)

[Evaluating Comprehensive School and Community Treatment: Report for the Montana Office of Public Instruction](#), January 2018

[Children's Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Expenditures](#), Department of Public Health and Human Services, State Fiscal Year 2014

Introduced Legislation

2019: None

2017:

[House Bill No. 446](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL AND

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS; ALLOWING LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND FACILITIES TO CONTRACT WITH SCHOOLS FOR SERVICES; ESTABLISHING PROGRAM AND PROVIDER CRITERIA; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

2015: None

2013: None

2011: None

2009: None

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