



Provider communication

General information and system updates

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Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Eligibility Determination Notification

Applicable to: Mercy Care Complete Care, Mercy Care DD, Mercy Care ACC-RBHA, Mercy Care Long Term Care, Mercy Care DCS CHP and Mercy Care Advantage

In January 2023, AHCCCS issued an [announcement](#) of the statewide SED and Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Eligibility Determination contract to Solari thus expanding the responsibility of the vendor to include eligibility determinations for individuals who may have an SED effective October 2023.

Children who are determined to have a SED are considered to have special health care needs and are eligible to receive additional services not covered through Title XIX funding through Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funding. Additional information on MHBG can be found in the [MHBG FAQs](#).

The formal process for SED determinations will allow clinicians to follow a similar process to what currently exists for SMI eligibility determinations. Final designation will be made by the determining entity Solari. Additional information on SED Determination is included within the [SED Determination FAQs](#).

Solari will be offering in-person and virtual training for providers throughout the state beginning June 2023. MCOs are encouraged to begin notifications to their provider networks to ensure understanding of this process and opportunities to attend clinical and technical training with Solari for the SED and SMI Eligibility Determination process.

Solari will also be posting updated [training opportunities](#) as they become available.

Contact Solari representatives Ashley Gill (Ashley.Gill@solari-inc.org) or Tara Bingdazzo (Tara.Bingdazzo@solari-inc.org) for further questions.

If you have any questions, you can also contact your Mercy Care [Network Management Representative](#). You can find this [Notice](#) and all other provider notices on our Mercy Care website.

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