

OASIS · AT A GLANCE

A Michigan Service Elimination Watchlist

One service is confirmed gone. Five more items are moving. Every entry here is traceable to a primary document you can read yourself, because a watchlist that includes rumors teaches you to discount the whole thing.

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ITEMS ON THE LIST

One confirmed elimination, five active threats.

How a service disappears without anyone telling you

PROPOSE, CLOSE, DISCOVER

STAGE 1

Something gets proposed

A waiver amendment, a procurement, a budget line, a federal rule change, appearing in a document most families never see.

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STAGE 2

A comment window opens and closes

Usually thirty days, usually announced on a state web page, usually with no notice to the people affected.

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STAGE 3

You find out at a meeting

By then the decision is made, and the only remaining move is an individual appeal, one family at a time.

The six items and their status

MICHIGAN, AS OF AUGUST 2026

What is gone, what is moving

Each item is traceable to a waiver filing, a court opinion, a budget document, or a published survey.

ITEM	STATUS	WHERE IT LIVES
Prevocational services, HSW	Eliminated	Waiver amendment, six month transition
PIHP consolidation to three regions	Withdrawn, not renounced	Court of Claims, February 2026
Direct care wage passthrough	Funded, not arriving	Reporting through 2026
FY27 wage increase	Needs appropriation	\$182.2 million gross
New I/DD waiting lists	Active nationally	Five states opened lists in 2025
Autism waiver wait	Worsening	63 months against 37

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Confirmed eliminated

Prevocational services, removed from the Habilitation Supports Waiver.

\$17.13

Required wage

Effective January 1, 2026: a \$13.73 base plus a \$3.40 passthrough that must be re-funded.

7,481

HSW slots

Michigan's Habilitation Supports Waiver cap, unchanged, allotted region by region.

HOW A SERVICE ACTUALLY DISAPPEARS

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The letter said the service was being transitioned. Six months later there was no provider in our county delivering the thing it was transitioned to.

REPORTED BY A MICHIGAN PARENT.

THE TAKEAWAY

A transition is only real if somebody delivers it. When you see that word, ask for the list of providers actually delivering the replacement in your county.

TURN THE PAGE

How to set up a monthly watch on your own county in about ninety minutes a year.

Running a watch on your own county

NINETY MINUTES A YEAR

MONTHLY

Check these once a month

☐ MDHHS Medicaid policy public comment page

☐ Behavioral health and specialty services bulletins

☐ Your PIHP board agenda and packet

☐ Your CMHSP board agenda and packet

☐ Any notice using the word transition

YEARLY

Read these once a year

☐ House Fiscal Agency behavioral health budget summary

☐ Senate Fiscal Agency equivalent

☐ The current Habilitation Supports Waiver filing

☐ KFF's annual waiting list survey

☐ ANCOR's annual workforce survey

IMMEDIATELY

When a service is named

☐ Ask for the replacement service by name

☐ Ask which providers deliver it in your county

☐ Call every provider on that list

☐ Log what each one tells you, with dates

☐ Report a gap to your CMHSP in writing

VERIFY

Check the wage passthrough

☐ Ask your provider whether the passthrough arrived

☐ Ask for the answer in writing

☐ Ask which period it covered

☐ Report a failure at your CMHSP board meeting

☐ Name the amount and the period on the record

BRING ONE PAGE, NOT A BINDER

The service change sheet

01

Notice

The written notice, its date, and the exact wording.

02

Authority

The bulletin, waiver amendment, or budget line behind it.

03

Replacement

The service named as the substitute, and who delivers it.

04

Reality

What each provider told you when you called.

YOUR MOVE

When you are told a service was only transitioned

1

Get the notice

In writing, with the authority cited if possible.

2

Name the replacement

Ask exactly what service replaces it.

3

Get the provider list

In writing, for your county specifically.

4

Call every name

Log the date and what each one said.

5

Report the gap

In writing, then at a board meeting, on the record.

Every item here was traceable to a primary document. If something is not on this list, that means I could not confirm it, not that it is not happening.

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