

MONTANA SCALE FOR CHILDREN / ADOLESCENTS With Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

SED DEFINITION

Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) is the inclusive term for children and adolescents whose emotional and mental disturbances severely limit their development and welfare over **a significant period** of time and requires a comprehensive coordinated system of care to meet their needs.

SED DETERMINATION

Serious emotional disturbance (SED) means, with respect to a youth between the ages of 6 and 17 years, that the youth meets criteria of A and B. Youth under 6 must meet criteria in C. The severity of the child's/ adolescent's disturbance may place or potentially place him/her at significant risk for out of school, home or community placement. **Indicate the appropriate response to each of the areas below.**

- Yes No **A. PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS:** The youth has been determined by a licensed mental health professional as having an SED diagnosis as described within the Children's Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Services Provider Manual (Effective October 1, 2021) <https://dphhs.mt.gov/BHDD/cmb/Manuals>

PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS: (See above Manual, ICD 10 Name and Code) and date (annual reassessment is required)

- Yes No **B. FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT:** As a result of the youth's diagnosis determined in A and for a period of at least 6 months, or for a predictable period over 6 months, the youth consistently and persistently demonstrates behavioral abnormality in two or more spheres, to a significant degree, well outside normative developmental expectations, that cannot be attributed to intellectual, sensory, or health factors:

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- Has failed to establish or maintain developmentally and culturally appropriate relationships with adult care givers or authority figures;

As Evidenced By:

- Has failed to demonstrate or maintain developmentally and culturally appropriate peer relationships;

As Evidenced By:

- Has failed to demonstrate a developmentally appropriate range and expression of emotion or mood;

As Evidenced By:

- Has displayed disruptive behavior sufficient to lead to isolation in or from school, home, therapeutic or recreation settings;

As Evidenced By:

- Has displayed behavior that is seriously detrimental to the youth's growth, development, safety or welfare, or to the safety or welfare of others;

As Evidenced By:

- Has displayed behavior resulting in substantial documented disruption to the family including, but not limited to, adverse impact on the ability of family members to secure or maintain gainful employment.

As Evidenced By:

OR For Youth under 6 years of age:

What ICD 10 Code and Name you are treating?

- Yes No **C. CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE:** Serious emotional disturbance (SED) with respect to a youth under 6 years of age means the youth exhibits a severe behavioral abnormality that cannot be attributed to intellectual, sensory, or health factors and that results in substantial impairment in functioning for a period of at least 6 months and obviously predictable to continue for an additional period of at least 6 months, as manifested by one or more of the following:

- Atypical, disruptive or dangerous behavior which is aggressive or self-injurious;

As Evidenced By:

- Atypical emotional responses which interfere with the child's functioning, such as an inability to communicate emotional needs and to tolerate normal frustrations;

As Evidenced By:

- Atypical thinking patterns which, considering age and developmental expectations, are bizarre, violent or hypersexual;

As Evidenced By:

- Lack of positive interests in adults and peers or a failure to initiate or respond to most social interaction;

As Evidenced By:

- Indiscriminate sociability (e.g., excessive familiarity with strangers) that results in a risk of personal safety of the child;

As Evidenced By:

- Inappropriate and extreme fearfulness or other distress which does not respond to comfort by care givers.

As Evidenced By: