

Definitions of CSA Eligibility Categories/Mandate Types

This document provides definitions of CSA Eligibility Categories (Mandate Types, MT) for use by localities to report/receive state reimbursement for expenditures under the Children's Services Act in the Local Expenditure, Data and Reimbursement System (LED RS).

MT 1 LDSS Foster Care Prevention

Children and families receiving home/community-based foster care prevention services provided through an "open" local Department of Social Services (LDSS) "open" In-Home foster care prevention services case. In Home foster care prevention cases include children/families served for either abuse/neglect concerns or as court-ordered CHINS.

MT 2 DSS Non-Custodial Foster Care Agreement

A foster care placement through a DSS Non-Custodial Foster Care Agreement (NCFC) between the LDSS and the parent(s) who retain legal custody. NCFC agreements are typically used for out-of-home placements to treat children with behavioral health needs.

MT 3 DSS Entrustment/Custody – Abuse/Neglect

The child is placed in the custody of, or entrusted to, the LDSS because of abuse/neglect concerns.

MT 4 Child in Need of Services (CHINS) – Community-based Services

The Family Planning and Assessment Team (FAPT) or a court has determined that the child's "behavior, conduct or condition" meets the CHINS definition/eligibility criteria and the child/family are receiving community-based services. State Executive Council for Children's Services (SEC) Policy 4.1.1 addresses the eligibility determination process for a CHINS.

MT 5 Child in Need of Services (CHINS) – CSA Parental Agreement

The Family Planning and Assessment Team (FAPT) or a court has determined that the child's "behavior, conduct or condition" meets the CHINS definition/eligibility criteria and the child is placed in a behavioral health treatment setting through an agreement between a public agency designated by the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and the parent/guardian who retains legal custody ("CSA Parental Agreement"). State Executive Council for Children's Services (SEC) Policy 4.1.1 addresses the eligibility determination process for CHINS.

MT 6 DSS Entrustment/Custody – Court Ordered for CHINS

A court has determined that the child's "behavior, conduct or condition" meets the CHINS definition/eligibility criteria and has ordered a foster care placement with custody granted to the local DSS.

MT 7 DSS Entrustment/Custody – Court Ordered for Truancy

A court has determined that the child is truant (Child in Need of Supervision, CHINSup) and has ordered a foster care placement with custody granted to the local DSS.

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MT 8 DSS Entrustment/Custody – Court Ordered for Delinquency

A court has determined that the child is delinquent and has ordered a foster care placement with custody granted to the local DSS.

MT 9 Wrap-Around Services for Students with Disabilities

A student with educational disabilities receiving Special Education Wrap-around services in the home/community to prevent a more restrictive home, school, or community placement. Services must be related to the child's educational disability. "Special Education Wraparound" refers to a specific limited allocation of CSA funds available for "students with educational disabilities" who meet the eligibility requirements found in SEC Policy 4.1.3.

MT 10 Special Education Services in an Approved Educational Placement

A student with educational disabilities whose IEP requires an educational placement in private day or residential special education program. The IEP team has determined that the private day or residential placement is the least restrictive environment where the child can receive a "free and appropriate education" (FAPE). Effective July 1, 2021, also use MT 10 for students eligible for 12 months of transitional services in the public-school setting as defined in COV, §2.2-5211.B.6.

MT 11 Non-Sum Sufficient

A child who meets the statutory requirements for eligibility in the CSA target population (e.g., children with behavioral health needs who do not rise to the level of CHINS, youth served by the Court Services Unit) but do not meet the criteria for sum sufficient funding. (COV §2.2-5211 and COV §2.2-5212). Children served through this Mandate Type (MT 11) have funding limited to the "protected" amount established for each locality each year.

MT 12 Kinship Guardianship

A child who meets the Federal or State Kinship Guardianship Assistance program criteria as specified in COV §16.2-1305 and §16.2-1306, respectively. This mandate type only applies after the appropriate Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Agreement (the Kinship Guardianship Program Agreement or the State Funded Kinship Subsidy Program Agreement) has been signed by both the LDSS and the caregiver(s), and custody has been awarded to the caregiver(s).

Notes: The Code of Virginia allows for three categories of children and families to receive sum-sufficient funding through the CSA.

1) children receiving foster care services as defined in COV §63.2-905, including foster care prevention (MT 1), children in foster care through a transfer of custody to a local DSS, a Non-Custodial Foster Care Agreement (MT 2, MT 3, MT 6, MT 7, or MT 8), or a Kinship Guardianship placement (MT 12).

2) students with educational disabilities receiving either Special Education Wraparound funds (MT 9) and whose IEPs require education in a private setting other than the public school or receiving time-limited transitional services in the public-school setting (MT 10). Special

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Education Wraparound funds are a limited allocation provided to each locality each year.

3) children identified as a Child in Need of Services receiving either community-based services (MT 4) or residential placement through a CSA Parental Agreement (MT 5) with the Community Services Board (CSB), Court Services Units (CSU) or the public schools.

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