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From: Rep. Solomon, Joseph J. Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:23 PM
To: Leslie Lisi
Cc: Lou Mansolillo
Subject: Re: Rate Floor Bills

Thank you. Please make sure to send your testimony to the House Corporations committee email so that it can be uploaded and made part of the record.

Sincerely,
Joe Solomon

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2024, at 1:12 PM, Leslie Lisi <Leslie.Lisi@bhgrecovery.com> wrote:

Dear Representative Solomon,

As a member of the behavioral healthcare community in Rhode Island, staff persons, recipients of treatment, family members, community safety enforcement emergency responders, etc., I am writing to you in support of maintaining the Governor's recommendation for an increase in Medicaid rates for behavioral healthcare, in particular, opioid treatment programs rates. Opioid treatment programs, which in Rhode Island, are the only truly evidence-based modality for the prevention of opioid overdose.

For those modalities that have not received an increase in between 15 and 20 years, in particular the opioid treatment programs, the recommended increase was 62.4%. We are requesting that the 64.2% increase remain unaltered in the budget that you pass for fiscal year 25 and implement October 24. We are requesting that you please do not throughout your negotiations include opioid treatment in the negotiations. We need the 62.4% increase in year one. Not divided among years one two and three or as has often happened with the rates for opioid treatment have been put off completely until year two or three.

Second, we are fortunate to have Senator Jake Bissaillon sponsor the S2726 bill in the Senate and Deputy Speaker Ray Hull has sponsored the companion bill H8056 in the House. I am/We strongly support these bills. The bills create a rate floor for all third-party payers, private commercial government or managed care organization, all third party payers to provide compensation at the rate no lower than the Medicaid rates as we have described above. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding how very strongly I am endorsing the governors budget relative to behavioral health and opioid treatment and the bills that would ensure the sustaining and possibly even the enhancement of the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Best,

Leslie Lisi

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