



April 30, 2025

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Committee on Finance
Via: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Re: **H5790**

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Rhode Island Health Center Association strongly **supports** House Bill **5790**

The resolution would make available \$90 million in General Revenue to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the purpose of increasing reimbursement rates for physicians and advanced practice providers who participate in the Rhode Island Medicaid program. The \$90 million would be eligible for matching funds from the federal government.

The Medicaid Program serves over 317,000 Rhode Islanders. Access to coverage is only one aspect of an effective Medicaid Program; the other is the ability to deliver care and services. That ability rests on an appropriately funded system.

This joint resolution would provide a necessary investment to Rhode Island's publicly funded health care delivery system.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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Blackstone Valley Community Health Care Inc. ~ Comprehensive Community Action Program
East Bay Community Action Program ~ Providence Community Health Centers
Thundermist Health Center ~ Tri-County Community Action Agency
WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care ~ Wood River Health