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The Honorable Marvin Abney  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
House Committee on Finance  
(Submitted via [HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov))

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the Committee:

Please accept the Rhode Island Health Center Association's letter of **support** for **House Bill 7010**. This bill would allow Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSW) to enroll and bill Medicaid directly covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-service coverage.

Access to behavioral health care is critical to overall health and well-being. This care can be compromised when patients' insurance limits their ability to see a clinician due to a lack of coverage. Individuals who are not enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan are often among the most vulnerable Rhode Islanders.

LICSWs play a vital role in patient care, providing counseling, crisis intervention, and case management. Yet, because LICSWs cannot bill Medicaid fee-for-service, access to these services is reduced, and provider practices may face financial instability. Removing these billing restrictions would expand access to care and ensure that all Medicaid patients, regardless of coverage type, can receive critical behavioral health services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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