



March 24, 2026

The Honorable Susan Donovan
Chair, House Health and Human Services Committee
State of Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H7346- An Act Relating to Insurance- Accident and Sickness Related Insurance

Dear Chair Donovan and the members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H7346, which prohibits health insurers from paying a rate that is less than the Medicaid rate established by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

My name is Benjamin Weiner, and I am the Chief Operating Officer at Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI). FSRI is a leading Rhode Island nonprofit provider of behavioral health, educational, and social services. Additionally, we are a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC).

As a provider of essential healthcare and behavioral healthcare services to children and adults, we recognize the need for fair and consistent payment practices for all services. Requiring insurers to reimburse at least the Medicaid rate ensures a base level of parity among insurance providers. This in turn means that insurance policy holders are able to access similar services at a similar quality, regardless of insurer.

It further means that providers of essential health and human services are able to conduct financial planning and mapping in a more detailed and sustainable manner. At a time when there are threats to healthcare services in Rhode Island related to Federal reimbursement, workforce, and growing community need, this legislation would allow healthcare providers greater stability and predictability: exactly what Rhode Island needs at this time.

We strongly support House Bill H7346, and we encourage its passage this legislative session.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Weiner
Chief Operating Officer
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