

The Honorable Chairwoman Donovan
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for H7346

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the Committee,

Horizon Healthcare Partners expresses our strong support for H7346. This legislation represents an important step toward ensuring that individuals who rely on critical behavioral health services receive care from a stable, adequately resourced network.

At its core, H7346 requires that insurance companies reimburse providers at no less than the Medicaid rate. Reimbursement rates directly impact whether providers can sustain services and whether individuals can access timely, high-quality care. In other words, reimbursement is not just a financial issue—it is about people. When providers are paid below sustainable rates, services may be reduced, waitlists grow, and individuals and families face barriers to getting the support they need. For many Rhode Islanders, especially those receiving treatment for behavioral health needs, continuity of care is essential to maintaining stability, independence, and dignity.

H7346 helps ensure that providers are not forced to operate at unsustainable levels when serving individuals covered by private insurance. By establishing a reimbursement floor tied to Medicaid rates, this bill promotes fairness and consistency across the system. It also helps protect access to community-based services, which are often the least costly compared to alternatives like emergency room care or higher level intervention when conditions worsen.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to support H7346. This bill strengthens our behavioral health system, supports providers, and most importantly, improves access and outcomes for the people who rely on these services every day.

Sincerely,
Ryan Pickering
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