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The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma  
Rhode Island State Senate  
Senate Committee on Finance  
(Submitted electronically via [SenateFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:SenateFinance@rilegislature.gov))

Dear Chair DiPalma and Members of the Committee:

The Rhode Island Health Center would like to thank the General Assembly for its support of MomsPRN and PediPRN, which ensure access to mental and behavioral health services and care for Rhode Island children and families. We would also like to recognize Governor McKee's inclusion of funding for the MomsPRN in the Rhode Island Department of Health's FY27 budget and ask you to consider that, without predictable and sustained funding for the PediPRN, it will be forced to close at the end of September 2026.

Rhode Island's eight community health centers provide primary care to over 220,000 adults and children. MomsPRN and PediPRN effectively facilitate same-day psychiatric telephone consultations for health care providers serving mothers and children in primary care settings, allowing patients to continue receiving care from their established clinicians and ensuring continuity of care. By maintaining patient relationships, we can also help to improve patient outcomes, reduce barriers to care, and reduce the frequency of emergency room visits for mental health concerns.

RIHCA urges you to consider sustained funding for both programs that support practices and providers in caring for the mental and behavioral health needs of their patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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