

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chair  
Senate Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: Support for S3330 with Amendments**

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families (RICCF), representing 44 organizations that serve and advocate for Rhode Island's children, youth, and families, we write in support of S3330 and its goal of ensuring that Medicaid program savings resulting from enrollment reductions remain within the healthcare system and are reinvested to support access to care.

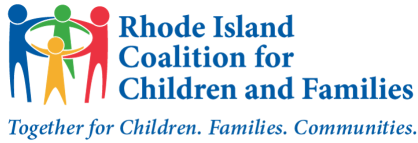
RICCF agrees with the legislation's central premise: if federal policy changes reduce Medicaid enrollment, any resulting savings should be reinvested into the healthcare delivery system rather than diverted for unrelated purposes. Providers across Rhode Island will continue to serve children, families, and individuals regardless of insurance status, and many will face increasing financial pressure as uncompensated care rises.

However, we respectfully request that the legislation be amended to ensure that all Medicaid-funded providers subject to Medicaid rate review are eligible to share in any reinvestment of savings, including providers that are part of Rhode Island's children's system of care and contract with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

As currently drafted, S3330 limits reinvestment to hospitals, physicians, federally qualified health centers, and certain outpatient services. While these providers play a critical role, the bill excludes many community-based organizations that deliver essential services to children and families through Medicaid and DCYF-funded programs. These providers include behavioral health agencies, home-based service providers, residential treatment programs, mobile crisis response providers, family support organizations, and other community-based services that are integral to Rhode Island's children's behavioral health continuum.

Many of these organizations are currently preparing for significant Medicaid transformation efforts, including new billing requirements, quality standards, and accountability measures. They are also subject to Medicaid rate review processes and face many of the same workforce and financial pressures experienced throughout the broader healthcare system.

If enrollment-related savings are reinvested solely into a limited subset of provider types, Rhode Island risks further widening existing disparities between healthcare sectors and undermining the sustainability



of the children's behavioral health system at a time when demand for services remains high and the State continues implementation of its federal consent decree obligations.

Accordingly, RICCF respectfully recommends amending S3330 to ensure that Medicaid reinvestment funding is available to all Medicaid-funded providers subject to state rate review processes, including providers within the children's system of care that contract with DCYF and deliver Medicaid-covered services.

By broadening eligibility, the General Assembly can ensure that any savings generated through Medicaid enrollment changes strengthen the entire healthcare system, including the community-based providers that serve some of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children and families.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to Rhode Island's children and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tanja Kubas-Meyer".

Tanja Kubas-Meyer  
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