



Minnesota Coalition
FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

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Representative Peter Fischer
Chair, Services Policy Committee
200 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Fischer and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting (MCFHV) urges you to support increased Medicaid children's mental health reimbursement rates to improve access to, and invest in, mental health services for families in Minnesota. When addressed and treated early, mental health interventions are shown to prevent the need for additional medication, saving costs and mitigating the lifelong impact of mental health challenges on a baby's cognitive, physical and emotional development.

When families with babies and young children are referred into the mental health system, they've reported waiting three to nine months before accessing a consultation appointment. Increased resources for early childhood mental health services, through increased Medicaid reimbursement rates, will also address parent and caregivers concerns of being forced to choose between their family's financial wellbeing and treating their mental health as steep copays and long distance make it challenging for families to access care.

Please join the Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting in supporting increased Medicaid children's mental health reimbursement rates, to improve access to preventative and early intervention mental health services for both caregivers and their young children.

Thank you,

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