

Dear Human Service Committee,

My name is Gene Taylor, Executive Director of the Leo A. Hoffmann Center which is a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in St. Peter, MN. On behalf of the Leo A. Hoffmann Center, I am submitting this letter in support of changes to the SF1615/ HF1683 bill in reference to the per diem rates and the other clarifications included in this bill.

It is vital that this bill be passed for PRTF programs to fiscally provide the necessary programming for, treatment for children, adolescent and families.

The following bullet points denote some of the suggested changes:

- Clarifying staffing in PRTF programs during overnights while under the supervision of an RN who is off site during these overnight hours.
- Shared site of a PRTF wider campus to other related services to families, children and adolescents which is desperately needed across the State of Minnesota.
- The importance of clarify and updating issues around rate setting process. We support the per diem rate changes.

There continues to be a definite need for PRTF programs. Many children and adolescents continue to be held in programs that can't meet their needs. PRTF programs provide out-of-home- psychiatric care in a non-hospital, highly structured setting. There are definitely quantifiable benefits to having these youth participate in a PRTF program. These youth are provided more individualized treatment by an interdisciplinary team made up of psychiatry, nursing and clinical therapists. Most of these youth thrive in structure, support and therapy. Youth in PRTF programs have such enormous adverse traumatic experiences the process of developing a therapeutic trusting relationship takes a considerable amount of work and consistency. Having individualized treatment by an interdisciplinary team of experts assist this youth to learn how to manage their mental health issue in a constructive manner.

The Hoffmann Center has provided PRTF services since September 24, 2021 and have lost a considerable amount of money providing these services. We are very hopeful that these rate setting changes will assist in make the Hoffmann Center financially viable once again.

Thanks for your consideration,  
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