

Workforce Scripts

PMIC and QRTP Rate Increase

Dear [REP. or SEN. LAST NAME],
My name is [YOUR NAME], and I live in [TOWN/CITY]. [If you are an LSI team member: I am a [YOUR TITLE] with Lutheran Services in Iowa.] I am writing to you today to ask you to increase the reimbursement rates for youth residential treatment in Iowa, especially for Psychiatric Medical Institute for Children (PMIC) and Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) services. These are critical components of Iowa's children's mental health system that serve some of the most acute youth in the state. But these services are woefully underfunded. Providers are not able to invest in their workforce or fund service improvements that would create better outcomes for kids and families. Workers in these services are paid far less than workers at similar positions at state-run facilities because the state has not increased provider reimbursement rates for years. I am asking you to support rate increases for PMIC and QRTP services. Thank you, [YOUR NAME].

DSP Wage Increase

Dear [REP. or SEN. LAST NAME],
My name is [YOUR NAME], and I live in [TOWN/CITY]. [If you are an LSI team member: I am a [YOUR TITLE] with Lutheran Services in Iowa. I work with people with mental illness and intellectual or developmental disabilities.] I am writing to you today to ask you to address the critical shortage of Direct Service Professionals by increasing reimbursement rates for these Medicaid services for people with disabilities. Many DSPs have to work two or three jobs just to make ends meet. In addition, the needs of many Iowans with disabilities are not being met because of the workforce shortage. The type of community supports provided by DSPs prevent much more intensive and expensive levels of care for people with disabilities, including psychiatric hospitalization and incarceration. I am asking you to support a wage increase for Direct Support Professionals working with people with disabilities. Thank you, [YOUR NAME].