



Arizona Coalition for Insurance Parity

Arizona Council of Human Service Providers, JEM Foundation,
Mental Health America of Arizona, MIKID, Neighbors Council

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! Help us form a policy solution to ensure that all people can access mental health and substance use disorder treatment through their insurance. Please share this email widely!

The Arizona Coalition for Insurance Parity is a collaborative effort of the [Arizona Council of Human Service Providers](#), [JEM Foundation](#), [Mental Health America of Arizona](#), [MIKID](#), and the [Neighbors Council](#). The [Arizona Psychiatric Society](#) and [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#) are also partners. Our mission is to ensure Arizonans are able to easily access appropriate and timely mental health and substance use disorder treatment through their medical insurance. **We need your help!**

All health care insurance companies are required to offer mental health and substance use disorder treatment to you through the [2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act](#) and as one of the 10 essential health benefits under the [Affordable Care Act](#). We are hearing that this is not always happening. Sometimes people are denied care, are denied certain types of care, can't find a provider near where they live, or have to fail with one treatment or medication before a more effective one is authorized. This can have devastating effects on the individual denied care and their families.

Please fill out this survey if you, or someone you know, has been unable to access needed behavioral health services, had to go "out of network" for care, or had a claim denied for mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment. The information you provide will help us to shape public policy and influence legislation in order to move us towards full parity implementation and mental health equity.

By completing [this survey](#) you are acknowledging that your information is being collected to help understand the current trends and circumstances surrounding mental health and substance use disorder treatment claim denials in Arizona. All information you provide will be kept confidential, and any identifiable information you choose to provide will not be shared without your permission.



- The link to complete the survey electronically is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXGR8R7>
- Or you can complete the [paper copy of the survey](#) and return it to Amy Meyertholen at amy@azcouncil.com or fax to 602.252.8664.

Please share this email widely with your friends, family members, colleagues, neighbors, and others. Call us at 602.252.9363 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for for all that you do everyday to make the world a better place. **Together we can and do make a difference.**

Sincerely,

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