

Michael Shariff Interested Party Testimony HB 33

May 11th 2023 hearing

Chair Romanchuk, Vice Chair Steve Wilson Ranking Member Ingram,

We are requesting kindly that the Ohio Senate consider an increase in Medicaid reimbursements to home health care agencies for services provided to patients. As it stands today, the rates that home health care agencies are reimbursed does not allow us to compete in the job market. The margins are so low that we cannot hire either aides, RNs, LPNs, or therapists at the hourly rates that they are requesting. Specifically, home health aides are requesting an hourly rate that we cannot afford to pay as we will be upside down due to current reimbursement rates. In speaking to case managers from Aetna and Molina, they are having an extremely difficult time getting aides for their members. Many of our current aides are leaving our company for other employment opportunities as other job markets offer a higher hourly pay. We would love to keep them and they would love to stay in health care but we cannot compete with the likes of big box stores or fast food restaurants.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Shariff