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Ohio Medicaid Committee

May 12, 2025

Subject: Ohio Medicaid Autism Services

Dear Esteemed Committee Members,

I am writing is support of HB 96. I am writing to you as the Director of Contracting and Credentialing for Autism Learning Partners, a high-quality autism service provider founded in 1988. As one of the longest standing, well-recognized centers of excellence in Autism Services, Autism Learning Partners strongly advocates for increased access to care for Ohio Medicaid recipients.

Currently, only 8% of Medicaid-eligible children with Autism are able to access ABA Therapy. This is due to several factors, including a significant rate disparity between Ohio Medicaid and commercial insurers. Additionally, Ohio Medicaid rates fall far below other states in the region. This alone creates significant challenges in hiring, training and retaining qualified provider talent for this population.

In addition to rate disparities, ABA providers are being subject to increased administrative burden during the authorization and peer review processes. The lack of uniform medical or reimbursement policies for ABA therapy compounds the issue of administrative burden.

The current provider network for ABA providers is strained and inadequate, with a long wait list and long delays in claims processing and reimbursement, making the ABA coverage within Medicaid unstable.

ABA providers have not seen an increase in reimbursement rates as other community behavioral health centers have seen. I would ask that you make the following changes to the Ohio Medicaid program:
1. Implement Medicaid's New Fee-for-Service Reimbursement for ABA on July 1, 2025.
2. Implement a moratorium on Reduction of ABA Reimbursement Rates by managed care plans.
3. Allow Competent Behavior Technicians to Deliver Services while completing Certification.

Sincerely,

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