



Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair  
Health and Human Services Committee  
MN State Senate  
April 9, 2026

Dear Chair Wiklund and Committee Members,

On behalf of Fraser, I am writing in strong support of **Health Care Provider Reimbursement for Uncompensated Care**.

Fraser is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) providing comprehensive mental and behavioral health services throughout the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. We serve children, adults, and families through outpatient mental health treatment, psychiatric services, care coordination, crisis response, and community-based supports. Fraser also provides essential services for individuals with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and complex behavioral health needs—many of whom rely on Medicaid as their primary source of coverage.

With the anticipated implementation of HR 1, uncompensated care at Fraser and other safety-net providers will increase significantly as individuals are denied or disenrolled from Medicaid. While coverage may change, the need for mental health services does not. As a CCBHC, Fraser is required to serve all individuals who seek care, regardless of insurance status, ability to pay, or where they live. For example, a young adult receiving therapy and medication management to remain stable and employed does not stop needing care when their Medicaid coverage ends.

Minnesota's community mental health system is already under strain. The Legislature's long-standing investments in Community Mental Health Centers and CCBHCs have helped expand access to outpatient and community-based care after the closure of state institutions. However, these models depend heavily on Medicaid financing. Without mitigation, federal changes under HR 1 risk undermining the stability of providers and eroding access to critical services for individuals and families across the state.

This bill provides an essential bridge to help community mental health centers and other safety-net providers manage the immediate increase in uncompensated care resulting from HR 1. By supporting provider financial stability, it helps ensure continued access to mental health care, crisis services, and community-based supports for Minnesotans who need them most.

Fraser urges you to support this bill and protect the foundation of Minnesota's behavioral health safety net.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support.

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