

# REIMBURSEMENT STRATEGIES FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE:

## STABILIZING IOWA'S CHILD AND FAMILY

### WELLBEING SYSTEMS

Every child is filled with tremendous promise. We have a shared privilege to nurture their potential. Mental health and child and family wellbeing is a CRITICAL part of the FOUNDATION that builds healthy Iowans.



The Coalition supports the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services establishing a system of regular reviews and adjustments for provider rates for all children and family services. **This will improve rate realities and promote provider stability and outcomes within mental health and child and family wellbeing systems.**

#### REGULAR RATE REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT WILL IMPROVE THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING SYSTEM BY:

**PROMOTING BALANCE WITHIN THE SYSTEM.** Currently **only 21%** of Medicaid provider rate buckets are updated on a defined schedule. Child welfare and juvenile justice rates are not among those regularly reviewed and adjusted.

**IMPROVING PAYMENT STRUCTURES TO BE CONSISTENT** with the rising costs of doing business.

**BRINGING STABILITY TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS,** allowing them to budget, plan, and align their workforce in a challenging employment market.

**REPAIRING THE CURRENT PATCHWORK OF SERVICES** and creating a continuum of care to meet the needs of Iowa's children and families wherever they live.

**ALLOWING DATA-DRIVEN INVESTMENTS THAT ARE FORWARD-THINKING AND ALIGNED** with the Olmstead Act and the federal Family First Prevention Services Act.

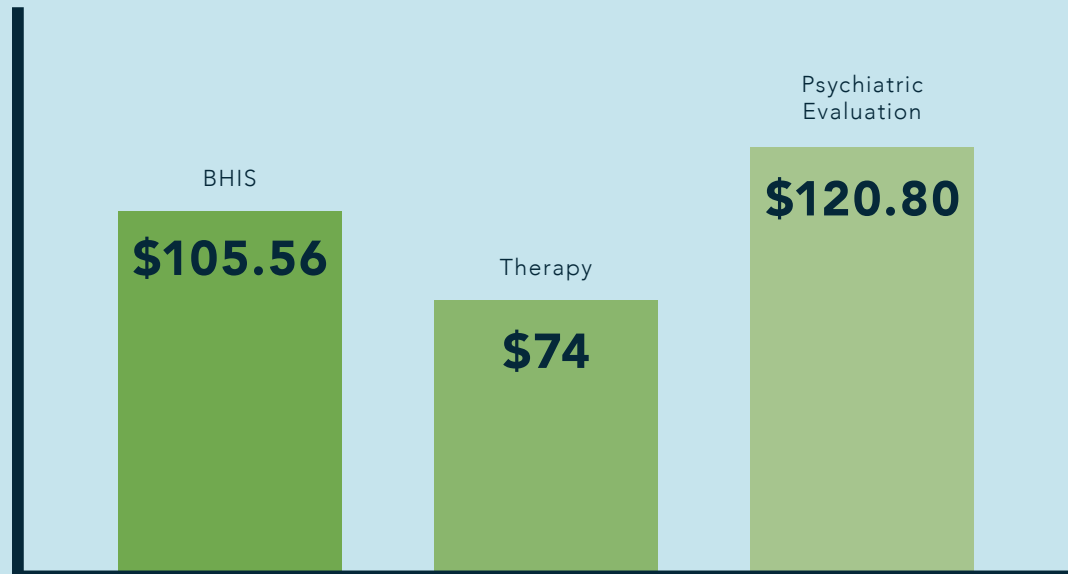
**CREATING BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL OF IOWA'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**



# STABLE SYSTEMS = STRONG IOWA FAMILIES

While targeted rate increases have been beneficial, the lack of a systemic approach to rate reviews and adjustments has created inconsistencies and inequities within Iowa's child mental health system, including substance use, child welfare, juvenile justice, and other public health arenas.

Due to a needed and appreciated rate increase in Behavioral Health Intervention Services in 2022, BHIS services are now reimbursed at a higher hourly rate than Therapy services. **This creates workforce and business challenges for provider agencies.**



Please support a regular rate review and adjustment process to improve Iowa's child and family wellbeing systems.



## STATEWIDE COVERAGE: THE COALITION'S PROVIDER NETWORK SERVES ALL 99 COUNTIES.

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The Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa is an alliance of member agencies that provide direct service to children and families in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and children's mental health systems.

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