



February 28, 2025

Chairman Senator John Hoffman
Senate Human Services Committee Members
Minnesota State Senate

Dear Chairman Hoffman and Committee Members,

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge strongly supports MARRCH's legislative requests: SF 1826 and SF 1827, which are crucial bills aimed at enhancing substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in Minnesota.

SF 1826 brings rate payments for substance use treatment services up to a level that allows treatment programs to remain financially viable while serving the Minnesotans most in need. We have witnessed numerous treatment programs close their doors in the past several years because reimbursement rates did not keep pace with the dramatic increase in operating and staffing costs. Passage of this bill will allow providers and their staff to continue their crucial work in helping people live lives free from addiction.

SF 1827 changes court ordered chemical use assessments to a comprehensive assessment. It also requires the commissioner of Human Services to engage with stakeholders to develop recommendations relating to transitional support services for people receiving SUD treatment and getting medical assistance through the behavioral health fund. This report from the Commissioner would be due to the legislature by 12/1/2025. This is important for consistency in our system and essential guidance for helping those battling substance use disorder.

We urge the committee to support the inclusion of SF 1826 and SF 1827 in this year's Senate Human Services policy omnibus bill. These measures represent a meaningful step toward strengthening Minnesota's approach to addiction treatment, enhancing provider sustainability, and ultimately improving lives across our state.

Thank you for your time and commitment to addressing the needs of Minnesotans affected by substance use disorder. We appreciate your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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