



March 31, 2025

RE: Support for S.F. 1402 – Medical Assistance Rates Reform Package

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Taxes Committee,

On behalf of Nexus Family Healing, I am writing to express our strong support for S.F. 1402 – the Medical Assistance Rates Reform Package. As an organization committed to supporting children, families, and individuals experiencing mental health challenges, we recognize the urgent need for sustainable and equitable reimbursement rates within Minnesota's Medical Assistance (MA) program.

For far too long, inadequate reimbursement rates have strained providers who deliver critical mental health services to vulnerable populations. The current system limits access to care, hinders workforce retention, and places undue financial burdens on service organizations like ours. S.F. 1402 represents a necessary step toward ensuring that providers are compensated fairly, enabling us to continue offering high-quality, accessible, and trauma-informed care to those in need.

We are experiencing a troubling decrease in access to mental health services for children, adults, and families across the state. In 2024 alone, children were boarded in unsafe settings over 1,200 times due to a lack of appropriate mental health placements. This is unacceptable and underscores the critical need for increased funding and reimbursement rates to expand service capacity and ensure that children receive timely, appropriate care in safe environments.

We urge you and your colleagues to advance this vital legislation and prioritize the well-being of those who rely on Minnesota's mental health system. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to strengthening our state's healthcare infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide further insights or testimony regarding the importance of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Margaret Vimont'.

Margaret Vimont
Chief Growth Officer

