
Subject: Thank You for Your Support of Disability and Mental Health Services—and a Request Regarding Medicaid ABA Rates

Dear Governor DeWine,

My name is [your name], and I want to sincerely thank you for your longstanding commitment to supporting Ohio's children, families, disability services, and mental health initiatives. Your leadership has made a real difference for families like mine, and we deeply appreciate your focus on strengthening Ohio's behavioral health system.

I am writing to respectfully ask for your continued support as Ohio works to improve access to autism treatment. Specifically, I urge your administration to **move forward with the drafted Medicaid ABA therapy rules 5160-34-01 to 5160-34-03 and the proposed independent auditor-developed ABA reimbursement rates, which** are currently awaiting rollout.

Under Ohio law for employer-based insurance, we ask that you remove any age, hour, or visit caps on ABA, speech, and occupational therapies for the treatment of ASD. This will align with federal mental health parity laws.

Timely implementation of these rules is essential. Families across Ohio—especially those relying on Medicaid—often face long waitlists or cannot find providers who can afford to accept Medicaid rates. Publishing and finalizing the updated reimbursement structure will:

- increase provider participation,
- stabilize service delivery,
- support workforce retention, and
- help children with autism access medically necessary therapy during critical developmental windows.

Combined with legislative efforts such as HB 453, your leadership on this issue can ensure that Ohio becomes a national model for accessible, high-quality autism services.

Thank you again for all you have done—and continue to do—to support mental health, disability services, and vulnerable families in our state. Your commitment is noticed and valued.

With gratitude,

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