



Illinois Behavioral Health State Budget Priorities

Preserving Mental Health and Addiction Services & Treatment Capacity

The Governor and the General Assembly must negotiate a budget that resolves the current FY17 budget impasse and fully funds behavioral health services and supports in FY18

An FY17 supplemental must include:

- Sufficient money to pay providers for FY17 contract services rendered.
- Funding restoration for non-Medicaid Rehabilitation Option grants.
- Full funding for addiction treatment and prevention services sufficient to sustain the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the SAPT Block Grant, funds which can be used to support core prevention, treatment, and recovery support services that are non-Medicaid reimbursable, such as Residential Extended Care.

With an FY17 agreement reached, we urge the Governor and the General Assembly to enact the following FY18 budget priorities:

- Fully fund the targeted Medicaid mental health rate adjustments through FY18 – preserve service capacity!
- Reverse the reduction in service capacity in the community mental health and substance use treatment systems through targeted investment in rates for services.
- Ensure GRF grant funded, non-Medicaid match services are maintained to guarantee wraparound care programs remain in place.
- Ensure the state's compliance with Consent Decrees.
- Draw down more federal funds by converting certain GRF services into Medicaid.
- Implement the Integrated Health Homes State Plan Amendment, which will draw down additional Medicaid matching funds.