



## **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF HOUGHTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **URGING ACTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSED CUTS TO MEDICAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **Resolution # 25-08**

**WHEREAS**, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Michigan's public mental health system is facing a serious and escalating funding crisis, driven by several compounding factors, including the loss of Medicaid-covered lives, inflationary pressures, increasing demand for services, and expanding regulatory burdens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan public health system funding increases for core behavioral health and intellectual/development disability services have not kept pace with medical inflation and have in fact, recognized flat funding for the last five (5) years, while medical inflation has increased by over 10% and Medicaid expenses have increased by nearly 25%; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has lost nearly 700,000 Medicaid beneficiaries since the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), resulting in reduced capitation payments to CMHSPs despite continued or increasing demand for mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cuts to Medicaid would force impossible choices including-shrinking access to care, shifting costs onto the State budget and to local providers and threatening the coverage of people with disabilities who require daily support; and

**WHEREAS**, additional factors exacerbating this crisis include skyrocketing inpatient psychiatric and residential costs, AND Misclassification of Medicaid eligibility groups resulting in lost revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to adequately fund the public behavioral health system undermines the ability of CMHSPs and the State of Michigan to meet the needs of the most vulnerable residents-including children, adults with serious mental illness, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those with substance use disorders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners urgently calls on the United States Legislature, and the President to:

1. **Fully allocate Medicaid behavioral health funds to the State of Michigan** in fiscal year 2025 and beyond.
2. Forego propose reductions to Medicaid through; Shifting to block grants, Per Capita Caps, reducing Medicaid expansion, or other suggested means of reducing the federal share for Medicaid spending which would transfer the financial burden to the State of Michigan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to local Senate and House of Representatives of the U.S. Legislature and the Michigan Association of Counties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Michigan's members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, as well as to the Michigan Association of Counties.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0)

Motion carried.

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Tom Tikkanen, Chairman  
Houghton County Board of Commission

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Date

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN       )  
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COUNTY OF HOUGHTON )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified County Clerk of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of the County of Houghton at its Regular meeting held on June 10, 2025, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk  
County of Houghton