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Chair, Michael J. Rodrigues Senate Committee on Ways and Means State House, Room 212 Boston, MA 02133 Chair, Aaron Michlewitz House Committee on Ways and Means State House, Room 243 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Rodrigues and Michlewitz,

Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022 line item 4000-0950 requires MassHealth to report on the implementation of the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI).

MassHealth is pleased to report that, pursuant to an order dated June 19, 2021, the judgment in the case of *Rosie D. v. Baker* was terminated after full implementation of the remedial order.

In State Fiscal Year 2022, approximately 69,562 unduplicated members received Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) services. Since 2010, providers have been paid \$2.6 billion to deliver CBHI services as follows:

- \$501 million to deliver Intensive Care Coordination (ICC),
- \$176 million to deliver In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS),
- \$1.3 billion to deliver In-Home Therapy (IHT),
- \$140 million to deliver Family Support and Training (FS&T),
- \$161 million to deliver Mobile Crisis Intervention (MCI), and
- \$518 million to deliver Therapeutic Mentor (TM)

Additionally, MassHealth has spent approximately \$67 million to providers to administer the Children and Adolescents Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment.

Since July 2010, the average wait time to obtain Intensive Care Coordination is 12.3 days, and over half of the youth seeking Intensive Care Coordination began treatment within 3 days. Since 2010, 76% of youth waiting for Intensive Care Coordination for any period of time began

services within 14 days of being referred to the service; 82% began services within 21 days; and 86% began services within 28 days.

Additionally, MassHealth reports that, based on the information available regarding expenditures to-date, we project expenditures for this line item for FY23 will be within the appropriated amount of \$267,782,721.

I am grateful for your continued support of the MassHealth program. Please feel free to contact Sarah Nordberg at sarah.nordberg@mass.gov should you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

Mike Levine

cc: Mary Beckman

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