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Chair, Aaron Michlewitz
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

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

Dear Chairs Michlewitz and Rodrigues,

Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2023 line item 4000-0950 requires as follows:

[T]he secretary of health and human services shall report biannually to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the implementation of the initiative; provided further, that said reports shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the results of the scheduled plan to date, including a schedule detailing commencement of services and associated costs by service type; (ii) an analysis of compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement to date; (iii) a detailed itemization of services and service utilization by service type, geographical location and the age of the member receiving the service; (iv) data detailing the time that elapsed between a member's request for services and commencement of an initial assessment for services; (v) the time to complete the initial assessment and the time that elapsed between initial assessment for services and commencement of services; and (vi) a quarterly update of whether projected expenditures are likely to exceed the amount appropriated in this item[.]

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 2023, approximately 26,134¹ unduplicated members received Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) services. Many members utilize more than one CBHI service.

Since 2010, providers have been paid \$2.85 billion to deliver CBHI services as follows:

- \$541 million to deliver Intensive Care Coordination (ICC),
- \$193 million to deliver In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS),
- \$1.4 billion to deliver In-Home Therapy (IHT),
- \$141 million to deliver Family Support and Training (FS&T),
- \$172 million to deliver Mobile Crisis Intervention (MCI), and
- \$549 million to deliver Therapeutic Mentor (TM)

Additionally, MassHealth has spent approximately \$72 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 12.9 days, and over half of the youth seeking Intensive Care Coordination began treatment within 3 days. Since 2010, 75% of youth waiting for Intensive Care Coordination for any period of time began services within 14 days of being referred to the service; 81% began services within 21 days; and 85% 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 FY24 will be within the appropriated amount of \$315,282,721.

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: Kathleen E. Walsh

¹ In reviewing the data to create this report, EOHHS identified an error in the report submitted pursuant to Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022, line item 4000-0950. In that report, EOHHS reported approximately 69,592 unduplicated members received CBHI services in SFY22. The correct number for SFY22 is 30,920.