

Mental Health Providers Association of Idaho

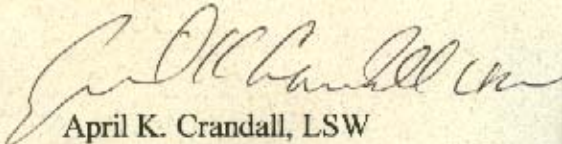
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Dear Representative McGeachin,

I understand that you have written a resolution that would require the Department of Health and Welfare to establish a process to look at private provider reimbursement rates each year. The Mental Health Provider's Association supports a resolution that guarantees a process in looking at reimbursement rate/cost of living increases each year. I understand that this resolution does not guarantee a rate increase each year. As a taxpayer I disagree with the concept of rates increases on autopilot. However, rate increases need to happen at reasonable intervals to keep reimbursement in line with the cost of living. We have been without a rate increase in all of our services, except psychotherapy, since 1998. I appreciate your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,



April K. Crandall, LSW
President, MHPAI

Dear Janice,

Thank you for all your hard work on this. You are just a firecracker and whipping it up around the Capitol. Good for you. Let me know what else I can do to help.



P.S. I wrote a letter to Senator Brandtala
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