

Promoting Psychology...Supporting Psychologists

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To whom it may concern:

The Indiana Psychological Association, an association representing the interests of Indiana psychologists and consumers in the area of mental health and wellness, supports the implementation of the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0.

As a core value, the Indiana Psychological Association advocates, supports, and promotes programs increasing public access to psychological services. HIP 2.0 will provide much needed access to mental health care to over 350,000 Hoosiers. An increasing number of individuals require mental health coverage and we applaud the State for recognizing the need to continue to provide these critical services. Similarly, we are pleased inpatient and outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse treatment continues to be identified as an essential health benefit to be covered in accordance with the Mental Health Parity Act.

Members of the Indiana Psychological Association look forward to providing high quality mental health care to all members of HIP 2.0.

If you have questions or need additional information about the Indiana Psychological Association, please contact us at <u>info@indianapsychology.org</u> or (317) 257-7449.

Sincerely,

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