

Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council 2021 Legislative Priorities

Council's Mission: To create change with and for persons with developmental disabilities so they can live, work, learn and play in the community of their choosing

Priority #1: Establish a reliable funding stream for the regional Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) system that fully funds all core and additional core services and expands services to lowans with Developmental Disabilities and brain injuries

Ensure that savings to the MHDS regions from the Iowa Health and Wellness plan are used to support the delivery of all core services.

Ensure that provider reimbursement rates from all payers are set to meet the needs of all who are served by the MHDS system.

Ensure that transportation related to the delivery of services is included as a core service and a reimbursable expense.

Expand the Children's Service System to include the development and management of a system of care for all children.

Priority #2: Adequately fund a state Medicaid program that ensures access to a group of community services for lowans with developmental disabilities

Ensure that there is adequate funding to eliminate and/or reduce waiting lists.

Ensure that there are continued efforts to provide quality and consistent service care from Managed Care Organizations.

Ensure creativity, flexibility and responsiveness are key deliverables in service delivery (e.g. telehealth, person-centered care, and reimbursement)

Priority #3 Expand the availability, knowledge, skills and compensation of professionals, paraprofessionals, family members and direct support workers

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