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As one of the largest divisions of Truman Medical Centers (TMC) Behavioral Health (TMCBH) is a leader in the treatment of mental health and substance use issues. Providing care to more than 9,600 patients last year with over 173,000 consultations, TMCBH provides a comprehensive array of services for persons living in the Kansas City, MO metropolitan area. Our unique role as a hospital-based Community Mental Health Center supports a whole-person, integrated health model of service delivery that is increasingly the standard of best practice for healthcare. In addition, we operate 50 inpatient psychiatric beds in downtown Kansas City on behalf of the Missouri Department of Mental Health – at a financial loss – to the benefit of our local community and state, with an additional 16 beds reserved for the elderly at our TMC Lakewood campus in eastern Jackson County. The issue of parity is an important one for the patients we serve, because successful patient outcomes in physical health and mental health are inextricably connected. For example, someone who lives with Type II Diabetes is twice as likely as their peer to experience depression. Half of cancer patients also live with mental illness. Treating mental health improves survival outcomes from physical health ailments and decreases the costs associated with treating non-communicable illnesses. Sam is one such patient who would have benefited from receiving treatment for his mental health earlier. He was an executive in an international corporation and had some of the best health insurance money could buy. However, because he did not have access to mental health care through his insurance, he fell into deep depression and attempted to medicate himself with alcohol in order to deal with the repercussions of a childhood trauma. Sam eventually experienced homelessness, and decades of worsening physical health resulted. While he has made improvement and found healing after years of treatment, earlier intervention through mental health care would have provided him the opportunity for increased wellbeing and more meaningful contribution to society. Patients like Sam is why Truman Medical Centers supports House Bill 889 and encourages the members of the committee to do the same.



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| I am in Support of this Bill. | | | |



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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL OF FIRE FIGHTERS | | TITLE: LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR | |
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As mental health is an increasingly larger factor in duty related deaths in the fire and EMS service, the Missouri State Council of Firefighters testify in support of this legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: DR. PAUL T. KORTE | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-355-2084 | |
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Chairman Stephens and Members of the Committee: The Missouri Psychological Association wishes to express our support for HB 889 which modifies provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health conditions. The Missouri Department of Mental Health recognizes that roughly twenty percent of Missouri adults experienced a mental health condition with about seven percent of adults endorsing a substance use disorder in 2019 (the most recent data year). Only a portion of those receive treatment. There are many factors that can present barriers and challenges to obtaining mental health care, but insurance coverage should not be one of them. Mental health care is healthcare. The separation of physical and mental health is an unfair separation in our healthcare system that is long overdue for change. Research consistently shows that untreated mental health conditions negatively impact physical health and exacerbates healthcare costs. Major depression alone costs the United States over 50 billion dollars in lost productivity. As such, we support efforts to require equal coverage of mental health to assure patients are able to seek treatment for the benefit of their whole health. In addition, we hope the legislature will consider additional means of improving access and coverage of mental health treatment. Too often, mental health and substance use treatment are considered specialty, rather than primary, services. When categorized as specialty services, patients can face higher deductibles and other limitations. We believe these services should be categorized as a primary care service to reduce unwarranted barriers. Secondly, the current COVID-19 pandemic has shown the value of telehealth services. We believe to assure this valuable service remains available; telehealth services, including audio-only services, must be reimbursed equally with face-to-face services and should not be limited to services delivered by select third-party corporate telehealth providers. Lastly, we believe insurance companies should adhere to a reasonable time table for credentialing providers so to not delay access to needed treatment. These additional suggestions will help advance necessary coverage of mental health conditions and demonstrate the equal value of care for both mental and physical health.



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NAMI Missouri is in support of HB 889 regarding mental health insurance coverage. We believe the language proposed in HB 889 will improve mental health parity, helping to ensure health coverage for mental health conditions is equitable to coverage for physical health conditions.



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| WITNESS NAME: JESSIE PETRIE | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-6092 | |
| REPRESENTING: BJC HEALTHCARE, ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS-MISSOURI CHAPTER, BURRELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN HARNESS | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-5200 | |
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| WITNESS NAME: KEVIN D. BAIRD | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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I'm writing to show my support for HB 889 which will help ensure patients have the proper access and coverage to identify and treat any mental health issues they may be experiencing. It's past time we put mental health on the same playing field as other health conditions, particularly after the traumatic year many of us went through with the pandemic. We need to make sure the citizens of our state have a clear path to seek mental health treatment and have that treatment covered equally under their insurance plans. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my statement in support of this key piece of legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: LINDA FEHRMANN | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-853-7925 | |
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RE: Support HB 889 for mental health parity4/12/2021Linda FehrmannAmerican Foundation for Suicide Prevention Missouri ChapterPhone: 314-853-7925 Email: lindafehrmann36@gmail.comChairman Stephens and Committee Members:Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony in support of HB 889 which would increase access to mental health treatment by strengthening and enforcing insurance parity laws. My name is Linda Fehrmann, and I am the President of the Missouri Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I work closely with our AFSP Chapter volunteers in our work to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide -- through research, education, advocacy, and support.Suicide is a leading, preventable public health problem in our state. In Missouri, suicide is the 1st leading cause of death for youth ages 10-14, the 2nd leading cause for teens and young adults ages 15-34, the 4th leading cause for adults ages 35-54, and the 10th leading cause of death overall. In 2018, we lost 1,230 Missouri residents to suicide. My interest in suicide prevention stems from the loss of my 23 year old son to suicide. One of the best ways to prevent suicide is to connect individuals at risk with a health professional for assessment and treatment, which they in turn must be able to afford, making parity in insurance coverage for mental health critical. Although the Federal Parity Law requires that insurance coverage for behavioral health services be no more restrictive than coverage for other medical conditions, plans are often not in compliance with the more complex requirements. Parity applies to both "quantitative" treatment limitations like inpatient or outpatient day limits, financial requirements (copays, coinsurance, and deductibles), and annual or lifetime maximums, as well as "non-quantitative treatment limitations," or NQTLs, which include regulations and specifications that can be dense and challenging to master. Namely, insurers have had difficulty meeting the requirements for how they design and apply managed care practices like prior authorization, medical necessity criteria, network provider standards, geographic restrictions, step therapy, and maintaining provider networks.In Missouri, 55.3% of adults with mental illness or 576,000 do not receive treatment, 58.8% of youth with depression or 40,000 do not receive treatment, and 26.1% of adults with mental illness or 272,000 who are seeking treatment report an "unmet need," meaning they are facing barriers and are not able to get treatment.Additionally, patients seeking inpatient care for behavioral health (mental health & substance use) are more than eight times as likely to have to go out-of-network vs. those seeking other types of medical care, patients seeking outpatient care for behavioral health are nearly 12 times more likely to have to go out-of-network vs. those seeking other types of medical care, and out-of-network service utilization for behavioral health care office visits is over eight times higher than for other types of medical care visits.Significant differences between out-of-network utilization rates for behavioral and other medical services, as we see in Arizona, point to the possibility of disparity in network design and standards for behavioral health care providers. More

often than not, disparity in insurance coverage or network design results in higher out-of-pocket costs for patients. This can limit how often patients seek care or, in some cases, can deter them from obtaining care altogether. HB 889 would remove barriers to care by taking steps to ensure parity laws are uniformly enforced across the state and across plan types. The burden should not be on the patient to determine whether their insurer is following the law – there are state oversight mechanisms already in place that should be doing this. Many people across the state are unaware of existing parity requirements and what to do should they believe their insurer is in violation of the law. Consumer and provider education efforts and the promotion of accessible information can also help to achieve true parity implementation. Committee members, the AFSP Missouri Chapter is grateful for your consideration of SB 80/HB 383 and for working with your colleagues and other agencies to address the suicide rate among our citizens. We all have a role to play in preventing suicide, and with your support, passage of this legislation will affirm the state's commitment to improving the lives of Missouri's residents and to preventing the tragic loss of life to suicide in the future. Please feel free to contact me at lindafehrmann36@gmail.com or 314-853-7925 with any questions or if you would like additional information.-----Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020). National Center for Injury Prevention and Control: WISQARS Leading Causes of Death Reports, National and Regional, 1999-2018. Retrieved from <https://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/leadcause.html>. Melek, S.P., Davenport, S., & Gray. T.J. (2019). Addiction and mental health vs. physical health: Widening disparities in network use and provider reimbursement. Milliman Research Report. Retrieved from <https://www.milliman.com/en/insight/addiction-and-mental-health-vs-physical-health-widening-disparities-in-network-use-and-p> Mental Health America. (2021). 2021 State of mental health in America: Access to care data. Retrieved from <https://mhanational.org/issues/2021/mental-health-america-access-care-data>



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Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral HealthcareMark Schwartz, Director of Government AffairsThe Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) was enacted in 2008 to ensure that insurers cover Behavioral Health/Substance-Use Disorder (BH/SUD) services as they would any other medical service. While much work has been done over the past 10 years, coverage of MH/SUD services remains more restrictive.A lack of oversight due to the complex nature of BH/SUD allows insurers to design insurance in a manner which creates barriers to access BH/SUD services. As a result:• Medically Necessary and clinical treatments for BH/SUD are excluded from coverage more frequently than treatments for other medical conditions. • Prior authorization and general utilization reviews are performed in a more stringentmanner for BH/SUD care than other medical care. • BH/SUD provider networks are not comparable to the networks for other medical providers.When mental health access and coverage are more restrictive than other medical coverage, it can have dire consequences for patient care including suicides, overdoses and other forms of preventable death or injury.Enacting parity would codify the federal law into our state law, allowing for a more thorough oversight from state departments.Therefore, the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare is testifying in support of HB 889.



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I am in favor of this legislation and urge the committee to pass it.



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Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri's mission is to promote mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, including prevention; early identification and intervention and integrated care, services, and supports for those who need it; with recovery as the goal. This work is achieved through leadership, advocacy, education and direct service. Much of MHA-EM's work is guided by the Before Stage Four philosophy (B4Stage4) - that mental health conditions should be prevented and treated long before they reach the critical points in the disease process. We fully support HB889. One of the many important promises of both the Affordable Care Act and the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act was to ensure that health plans and insurers offer mental health and substance use disorder benefits that are comparable to their coverage for general medical and surgical care. Mental health conditions should be a covered health insurance expense the same way it is for physical health conditions because this is beneficial to patients, Healthcare systems and our community. An estimated 44 million adults are in need of mental health services. When mental health access and coverage are more restrictive than other medical coverage, it can have dire consequences for patient care including suicides, overdoses and other forms of preventable death or injury. Parity is only meaningful if health plans are implementing it well, consumers and providers understand how it works, and there is appropriate oversight. Barriers to health insurance coverage for mental health and substance use treatment still exist despite parity laws. Patients have the legal right to equal access and coverage for mental health and substance use disorder treatment services as they would any other medical service. Thank you – Suzanne King, President & CEO of Mental Health America of Eastern MO



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The Department of Mental Health (DMH) often receives calls from constituents who are covered by private insurance yet seeking services. DMH primarily serves individuals in our state hospitals who are referred by the courts for treatment or services, not the "general" public. Persons with private insurance are served by our community partners. This bill supports insurance coverage for mental health services for Missourians seeking treatment. Like any health condition, the earlier an issue is addressed effectively, the better the outcome for the individual/family.