



March 18, 2025

The Honorable Susan R. Donovan
Chairperson, House Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter regarding H-6061 – AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Dear Chairperson Donovan:

I write on behalf of the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) regarding [House Bill 6061](#). OHIC is supportive of the goals of this legislation. Given the magnitude of the impact of a "generally accepted standards of care" definition in the context of health insurance coverage however, OHIC is concerned that the bill's proposed definition of this phrase may have significant unintended consequences adverse to the best interests of Rhode Island consumers and suggests to further consult with clinical and legal experts from other relevant state agencies and divisions, such as RIDOH and BHDDH, about the definition and its possible implications.

Thank you for your continued leadership and hard work on all matters related to the health of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Cory B. King
Health Insurance Commissioner

CC: Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services
Honorable Teresa A. Tanzi
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House