Mental Health
LEGISLATIVE NETWORK

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Committee on Human Services
Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave W
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 0813

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Minnesota Mental Health Legislative Network (MHLN), we support the provision directing the Commissioner of Human Services to develop draft legislation to codify Integrated Community Supports (ICS) in Minnesota statute.

ICS is an important service for people with disabilities, including many with mental health conditions, to live independently with the supports they need. As the model grows, codifying it in statute is a timely step to bring greater clarity, consistency, and accountability, while preserving the flexibility and person-centered approach that make it effective. We also support the requirement for meaningful and transparent stakeholder engagement to ensure the perspectives of people receiving services, providers, and counties are reflected.

At the same time, it is important that this process addresses billing and payment structures. Clear, consistent, and enforceable billing expectations must be aligned with actual service delivery to prevent misuse and support high-quality care. Finally, ICS must continue to support not only housing stability, but also behavioral health needs and community connection.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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