

I'd like to submit a public comment in opposition to any expansion of Managed Care. Managed care has significantly reduced the quality of services that providers are able to give. The implementation of tiered rates has hurt supported community living and habilitation agencies, as we were already struggling and will be seeing another reduction in rates in July 2019. Due to closures of mental health hospitals statewide, we serve people with much more severe mental health diagnoses. If SCL agencies aren't supported, the people we serve have no other option than to go somewhere that costs Medicaid significantly more money, like jails or hospitals. As a taxpayer, I find this unconscionable when we have an SCL model that has better results and fewer costs than those alternatives. As a human being with empathy, I hope our representatives can do better for their citizens.

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