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Statement from Association for Behavioral Healthcare

NATICK, Mass. (June 16, 2022) – The <u>Association for Behavioral Healthcare</u> (ABH), a statewide, nonprofit organization representing 81 community-based behavioral healthcare providers, applauds the House for its leadership in addressing the behavioral health crisis affecting families across Massachusetts. This legislation is a leap forward in removing barriers to care for individuals and families and meeting vastly increased needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and it takes into consideration the significant challenges faced by community-based providers. ABH and our members look forward to working with House and Senate leaders, the Baker-Polito Administration and our private and public partners on advancing efforts to quickly improve access to behavioral health care.

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