WAPA ANNUAL ALL PROVIDERS MEETING

April 8, 2024

Welcome!

- Please Share in the Chat:
  - Your Name
  - Your Organization
  - Any topics you would like to discuss today

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WISCONSIN AUTISM PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

Agenda

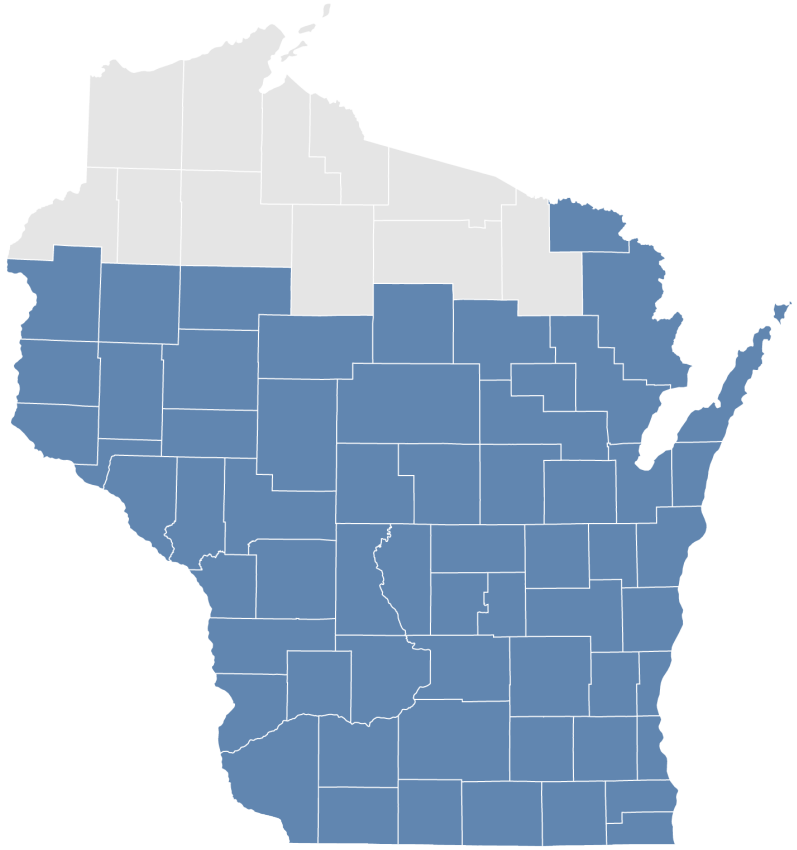
- Community Collaboration
- Update on WAPA's Advocacy Efforts
- Agenda for DHS Stakeholder Meeting
- Discussion opportunity

- Board Elections (*WAPA Members Only*)

WAPA UPDATE

Who is WAPA?

- 11 Organizations
- > 2200 clients
- > 2500 staff
- 2/3 of all WI children getting ABA for ASD
- 2/3 of children with primary Medicaid funding



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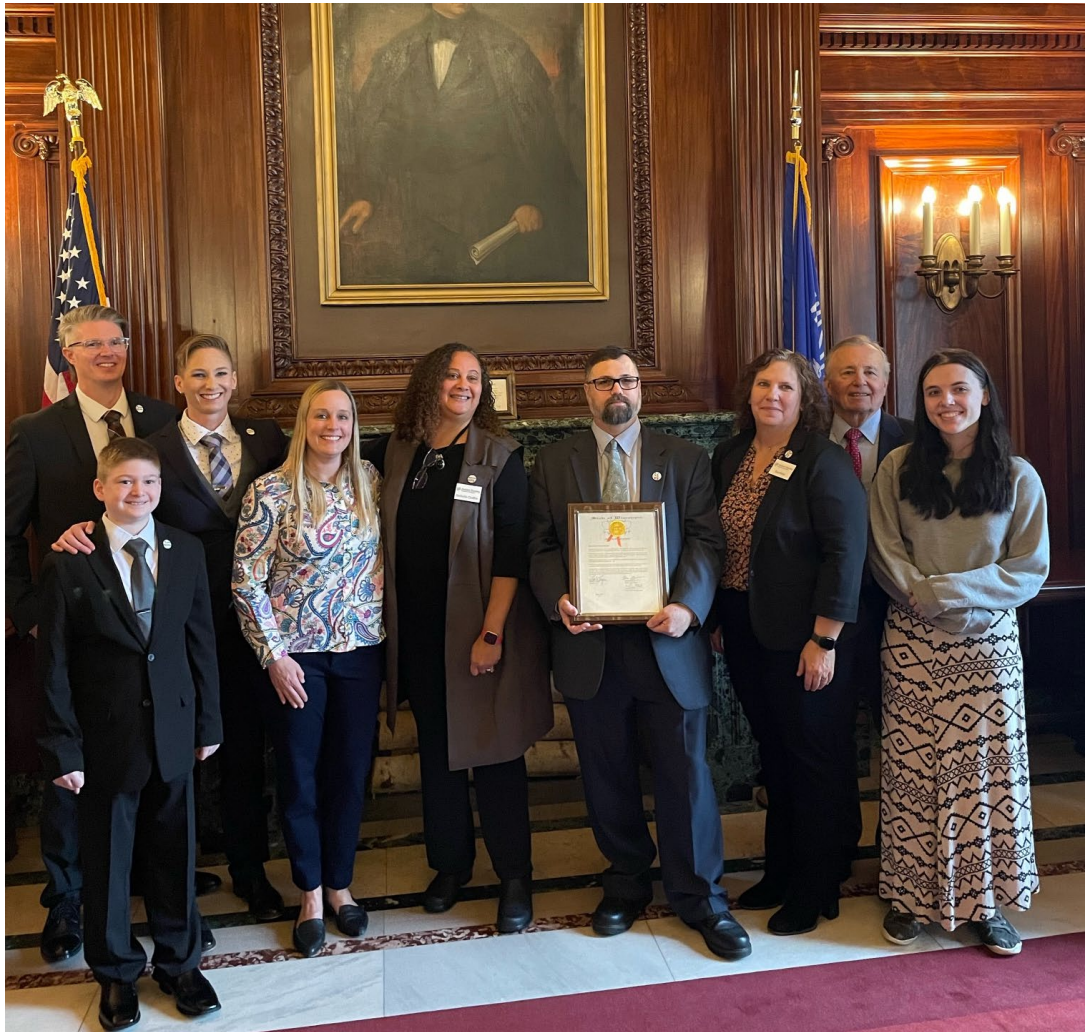
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Autism Acceptance Proclamation 4/2/24



New Resources

CASP The Council of Autism Service Providers

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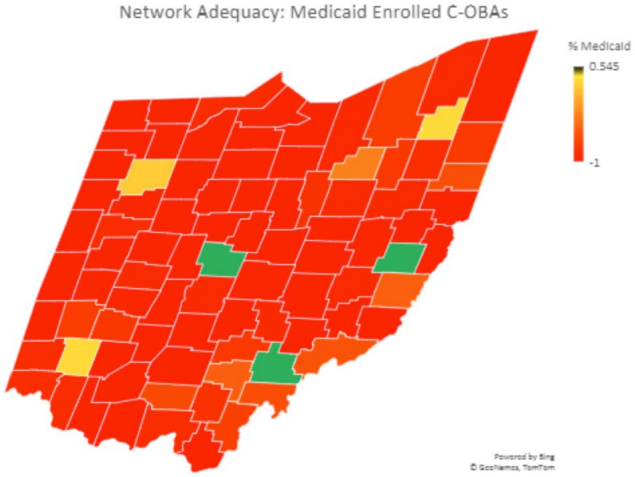
BILL TRACK ★ 50 ★

Network Adequacy Project Step 1

- Generate preliminary data to determine which states have significant network adequacy issues for Medicaid beneficiaries



ADVOCACY EFFORTS

2023-2025 Budget Advocacy

- WAPA's Budget Ask: Funding for "repricing" of 97155
  - (in place of concurrent billing)
- Meetings with JFC in early 2023 were very positive
  - Strong support for addressing "unfunded mandate" for supervision of direct treatment
- Days before the JFC vote on healthcare funding, Legislative Fiscal Bureau analysis paper included Anti-ABA rhetoric, outdated information, and inaccurate information
- Funds for repricing of 97155 not included in budget

Current Efforts

- WI Behavior Treatment Benefit under federal CMS OIG audit
  - Reviewing policy
  - Auditing provider records and claims
  - Likely result: recommendations for policy changes
- DHS will not make any policy changes during this audit process, expected through 2024
- Medicaid “surplus” funds are frozen due to re-instatement of FH re-enrollment requirements, unclear # of future Medicaid recipients
- Partnership with Autism Community, Positive PR

Future Plans for Resuming Advocacy

- Summer/Fall 2024
- Budget Process 2025-2027
  - Governor's office
  - Finance Committee
- Concurrent Billing of 97153 & 97155
- Addressing anti-ABA sentiment

DHS COLLABORATION

DHS Stakeholder Meeting May 2023

- Interpretative services policy
- Permanent Telehealth Policy
- CMS OIG Audit
  - Process will take about 16 months
  - Reviewing 2021 & 2022 records
- Discussion of Concurrent Billing, repricing 97155, and budget process
- Discussion of ABA Group Codes, impact on CLTS funded Social Skills programs
- Family Treatment Guidance – service delivery & documentation expectations

DHS Stakeholder Meeting Nov 2023

- CMS OIG Audit – all 100 members who will be audited have been identified
  - 25% through process of reviewing records received
  - Expected Outcomes: OIG will report to CMS services that were incorrectly billed
  - Possible that state will be given a corrective action plan to address any policy issues
  - Initial feedback: improvement needed in documenting 97155
  - WAPA providers noted challenges with current policy prohibiting concurrent billing in their responses to records requests
- Interpretative Services – questions addressed
- Discussion of challenges with provider changes between & within agencies
- More detailed discussion of ABA Group Codes and challenges with policy
- Recap of DHS presentation on FTG at WisABA Conference

May 2024 Agenda: Stakeholder Meeting

- Update on CMS OIG audit
- Concurrent billing continues to be a priority pain point for providers
- Challenges with Group Codes

- What else?

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Do you want to have input in DHS Behavioral Treatment Stakeholder Meetings?

Do you support equity in access to Behavioral Treatment?

Do you want to collaborate with like-minded colleagues?

Consider joining WAPA!

THANK YOU

Open Discussion Opportunity

BOARD ELECTIONS

WAPA Provider Members

Board Member Positions

- WAPA Board Members
  - Work for a WAPA Provider Member
  - Attend monthly 30 min Board Meetings via zoom

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary