



ATTN: SERVICE PROVIDERS

We are working with Assemblymember Holden's office in a push for money to help fund local cost pressures, and we need your help.

[Share how](#) **unfunded mandates hurt your clients, staff, and services!**



Due to long-standing rate freezes, dating back to 2003, service providers cannot negotiate, nor can regional centers offer, a rate that reflects the actual operating costs. This means providers cannot receive funding to meet increasing labor and other operations costs.

Assemblymember Chris Holden is [talking to his colleagues](#) in the Legislature, trying to convince them to [join him in supporting a fix for this](#). But he needs your help, and your stories, to better make the point that supporting service providers is critical for sustaining our system.

Can you [send a short email](#) this week, sharing your story? It's as easy as writing an answer to the question "How do local cost pressures that you aren't compensated for hurt your clients, your staff, and your business?" Specific details (NO sensitive client data, please!) help underscore this message, so if you can include facts, figures, or individual examples, do so! Examples can include changes in labor, housing, leasing, and fuel costs.

Just [click here](#) and tell us your story.

And be sure to forward this email on to your colleagues!

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