Create a Better Illinois: National Analysis Makes Case for Reassessing Human Service Reimbursement Rates

Many human service providers get state funding through reimbursement rates intended to cover the cost of providing services. Based on a previous Illinois Partners report, Illinois reimbursement rates have failed to keep up with increased cost of living.

Where do Illinois rates rank for select human service functions when compared to 10 states with similar populations and demographics?*

* California, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington

Illinois falls in the low to mid-range across nine different broad service areas:

- Mental Health
  - Rank: Low
- Older Adults (Adult Day Services & In-Home Care)
  - Rank: Low
- Early Childhood
  - Rank: Low to Mid-Range
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
  - Rank: Low
- Developmental Disabilities
  - Rank: Middle
- Medicaid Spending Per Enrollee
  - Rank: Low
- Foster Care
  - Rank: Low
- Early Intervention (Part C - Individuals with Disabilities Act)
  - Rank: Low
- Human Services Professional Wages
  - Rank: Low to Mid-Range

Human services play a key role in ensuring all Illinoisans reach their full potential.

Illinois policymakers must stabilize human services by adequately funding the sector through a thoughtful reassessment of reimbursement rate levels to cover the true cost of services.

For citations and the full report go to illinoispartners.org. This research follows a 2016 Illinois Partners’ study, Failing to Keep Pace: An Analysis of the Declining Value of Illinois Human Services Reimbursement Rates, which found that the state failed to increase already bare-bones service rates sufficiently to match normal increases in the cost of living. Find the full report at illinoispartners.org.