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Good Afternoon,

Understanding that you requested feedback by 9/10, we were only recently able to review and respond.

We hope that you will still take our feedback into consideration.

After reviewing the recommendation for the EHB Benchmark Plan, we were left with one primary concern and question. In short, we want to advocate for the coverage of Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (both Intensive and Transitional) in the EHB plan. Coverage of programs such as Intensive Outpatient and Traditional Outpatient are certainly important – However, they are typically used as step-down treatment or for consumers with less severe levels of Substance Abuse. In order to effectively meet the needs of those with the most severe levels of Substance Abuse, providing coverage for Residential Inpatient Treatment is paramount. Outpatient treatment alone is simply not effective for more severe Substance Abuse consumers. Having the ability and opportunity to provide Residential Treatment for these consumers will also reduce the amount of health/medical related treatment that will be needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback concerning these decisions.

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