

Rep. Nygren: Statement on increase in behavioral health reimbursement rates

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Madison–State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement regarding the announcement of an increase in behavioral health reimbursement rates for professionals providing outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services:

“It is great to see the increased reimbursement rates for professionals providing outpatient mental health and substance use disorders. This is a huge step for Wisconsin as we continue our fight against opioid addiction. An increase in reimbursement rates will have a real, immediate impact for those on the forefront of our fight against addiction.

“Since we began our work on the HOPE Agenda, one of our biggest priorities has been to increase access to addiction treatment. This announcement will build on our efforts by providing the tools and resources necessary to support the addiction treatment workforce. Increased reimbursement rates will help attract and retain the highly-skilled professionals we so greatly need.

“I would like to thank Governor Walker for continuing to make the necessary investments in mental health and addiction. Today’s announcement is a big deal for all those affected by addiction”