



IACP

Iowa Association of Community Providers

2021 Policy Priorities

Help us help Iowans.

IACP relentlessly advocates for community providers to build healthy communities so one day, all Iowans will live, learn and work in their community of choice. Below, you will see IACP's policy priorities for community providers and their 160,000 clients in 2021. This year is critical, as effects of the global pandemic have impacted all facets of life and business, creating an even greater need for IACP to continue our relentless advocacy on behalf of Iowa's most vulnerable citizens.

1. Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Workforce

- Address the critical DSP workforce shortage to continue supporting Iowans living in their communities
- Increase rates for HCBS/ID, HCBS/BI, Habilitation and ICF/ID to support DSP wage increases in order to attract and retain support staff

2. Medicaid Oversight

- Require IME to utilize Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) during cost reporting.
- Implement an Independent Appeals Board to investigate habitually delayed Medicaid claim payments

3. Mental Health System Improvements

- Require telehealth rate parity for mental health services
- Support Iowans living in their communities through:
 - Expanding public transportation options
 - Funding supportive housing utilization
 - Increasing the availability of crisis services

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