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As the owner of a group therapy practice and a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, I fully support this bill. One of the main reasons our clinic does not accept public health insurance is the risk of clawbacks—a significant concern for mental health practitioners. The financial uncertainty clawbacks create can be devastating, making it difficult for providers to sustain their practices and continue offering quality care.

Our clinic primarily serves children ages 4-17, and providers are already scarce. Families relying on public health insurance often face long waitlists due to the limited number of therapists willing to take the risk and accept these plans. If the issue of clawbacks were addressed, providers like myself would be more likely to work with public health insurance, increasing access to essential mental health services. For this reason, I strongly support this bill.