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SUBJECT: Comments for 1332 Waiver - Georgia Access Plan Options

Behavioral health resources, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment, recovery, and wellness resources, are important to me. I feel it is critically important that mental health parity be a mandated component of health insurance plans, and I would like to see in any Waiver proposal Georgia move much more decidedly and intentionally toward the enforcement of federal parity legislation. Any loss of federal mandated protections for those with mental illness or families seeking mental health care make it harder for people to shop for comprehensive coverage and limits the amount of financial assistance available to Georgians to help lower their costs. Implementation of parity here in the state will ensure that families with mental health care needs have access to care equal to those with physical health care needs.