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Carta de ejemplo de un padre/madre: Copie y pegue esta carta en su correo electrónico personal. Modifique las áreas resaltadas y cualquier otra área que desee y envíela a governorpolis@state.co.us Y/o rellene los formularios de contacto para: <https://www.hickenlooper.senate.gov/email-john/#contact-form-emailJohn> <https://www.bennet.senate.gov/contact/write-to-michael/>

Dear Colorado Elected Officials:

My name is [your name], and I am a parent living in [your city], Colorado. I am writing to you because my child relies on Medicaid to receive essential occupational, physical, music and/or speech therapy services at Integrated Pediatric Therapy Associates.

Occupational, Physical, Music and Speech therapy have played a critical role in my child's development. Through these services, my child has been able to improve skills necessary for daily life, including feeding, dressing, writing, sensory regulation, communication, social-emotional skills, walking, climbing stairs, accessing play equipment, participating in school, and playing with friends and family. These are not optional supports – they are essential for my child's independence, safety, and success in life.

I am deeply concerned about current Medicaid reimbursement cuts tied to recent federal and state policy changes. Reductions in reimbursement rates will force therapy providers to limit services, reduce staff, or stop accepting Medicaid altogether. This would make it significantly harder for families like mine to access the care our children depend on.

If access to occupational, physical, music, and speech therapy is reduced, it will directly impact my child's progress and could lead to long-term challenges in school and daily life. Early and consistent intervention is critical, and gaps in care can have lasting consequences.

I respectfully ask that you:

- Protect Medicaid funding for pediatric therapy services
 - Specifically, the following codes impact pediatric therapy and have been cut significantly: 97530 (Therapeutic Activity), 97533 (Sensory Integration), 92507 (Speech Language treatment), 92609 (Treatment/Programming of Speech Generating Devices)
- Ensure reimbursement rates are sufficient to allow providers to continue serving children
- Support policies that expand access to care for children with developmental needs

Please consider the real impact these decisions have on families across Colorado. Children like mine depend on these services to grow, learn and thrive.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

[your full name]

[your address, including your zip code]

[optional: your phone number and/or email]