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Submitted to the Committee on Human Services
For HB 5265

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Hearing Date: April 25, 2023 8:00 AM

Eric Kunish, Chair
National Alliance on Mental Illness-Central Texas Affiliate
Austin, TX

We support this bill!

Georgia Bates
City of Uvalde
Austin, TX

As HB 5265 is supported by recommendations 9a(iv) and 9a(v) of the Uvalde Mental Health Needs Assessment, the City of Uvalde supports this bill.

Allison Greer Francis
CHCS
SAN ANTONIO, TX

My name is Allison Greer Francis and I'm in support of HB 5265 (Raymond). This bill would require Medicaid reimbursement for services delivered to clients in inpatient mental health institutions for the entirety of their stay, and would increase the number and duration of services provided, as well as add new covered services, such as Assertive Community Treatment and Coordinated Specialty Care. These new covered services are critical to ensuring that individuals can function well in the community after they leave inpatient care.

Carla Riedl
CHCS
San Antonio, TX

My name is Carla Riedl and I work for CHCS in San Antonio. I am in favor of HB 5265 by Rep. Raymond. This bill would require Medicaid reimbursement for services delivered to clients in inpatient mental health institutions for the entirety of their stay, and would increase the number and duration of services provided as well as add new covered services, such as Assertive Community Treatment and Coordinated Specialty Care. These new covered services are critical to ensuring that individuals can function well in the community after they leave inpatient care. I urge you to support HB 5265.