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April 9, 2025 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom

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Join us for an evening of conversation, entertainment, and a vision for a healthier Indiana. This is more than a dinner—it's an opportunity to connect, collaborate, and come together to celebrate mental health advocacy.

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Indiana Behavioral Health Legislative Update

March 21, 2025

Behavioral Health at a Crossroads:
This week, the Indiana General Assembly advanced three bills with implications for behavioral health. As the budget bill took public testimony on the future of the 988 crisis line and sustainable funding models, the Senate approved important changes to Medicaid eligibility and coverage through HIP. Meanwhile, workforce reform efforts continued in the House to help expand access to peer recovery services—while ensuring accountability. These bills underscore the need for continued advocacy to ensure access, funding, and recovery supports stay at the forefront of Indiana's legislative priorities.

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Bills Heard in the Senate	Bills Heard in the House
HB 1001 – State Budget Bill - Thompson, Porter, Snow, Jordan Synopsis: Appropriates money for the operation of state government and makes conforming changes. This is the primary vehicle for behavioral health funding. Currently provides no new funding for the 988 crisis line or Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). This week's public testimony included proposals to use alcohol tax revenue to close Indiana's \$53.1M behavioral health funding gap. HB 1385 – Health Care Facility Employees - Bascom, Goss-Reaves, Dant Chesser, Garcia Wilburn Synopsis: Provides an exception to one of the disqualifying conditions for a nurse aide or other unlicensed employee. Allows individuals with a past felony drug conviction to work in healthcare facilities if they are certified peer recovery coaches, unless a subsequent offense is committed or pending.	SB 2 – Medicaid Matters - Mishler, Garten, Charbonneau, Gaskill, Raatz, Rogers, Johnson T, Young M Synopsis: Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to report on Medicaid data, enforce the Medicaid five year look back period, prohibit marketing of Medicaid, and perform redeterminations based on data from state and federal agencies. Establishes performance standards for presumptive eligibility determinations and creates an appeals process for hospitals. Specifies requirements, allowances, and limitations for the Healthy Indiana Plan. This bill was amended to remove the cap on the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP).

For the full list of priority bills we are tracking, please visit this [link](#).

