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We are seeing more and more therapists leave outpatient settings in favor of hospitals, nursing homes, and inpatient facilities, where reimbursement rates are more sustainable. Without regular, cost-of-living-based rate adjustments and equitable treatment in insurance contracts, outpatient clinics like ours—regardless of size—will continue to struggle.

I respectfully ask that you consider removing the "25 practitioner" cap and instead consider language that prioritizes outpatient practice settings, which are often the most accessible and cost-effective points of care for families with commercial insurance.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to supporting Maine's independent healthcare providers and the families we serve.