Sample PA Medicaid State Plan advocacy letter State Representatives and Senators. Use letter head if you have it.

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Hello, my name is Click or tap here to enter text. and I represent Click or tap here to enter text. *(name of your organization) in* Click or tap here to enter text.*(what town or area of the state), how many people you employ in the overall agency.* We operate the Click or tap here to enter text. *(name of your program, what type of program Clubhouse, Site-based, Mobile* *Our Psych Rehab Program) which serves* Click or tap here to enter text. *(# individuals) individuals annually*. I am advocating for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS) to be included in the Pennsylvania Medicaid State Plan.

PRS has been offered in Pennsylvania as a supplemental service in Health Choices since 2001. Since that time these services have made a profound impact on the lives of thousands of Pennsylvania residents who are diagnosed with a serious mental illness. PRS assists individuals in developing the skills they need to live, work, and succeed independently in their communities. PRS keeps people engaged in services and reduces the use of more costly services like hospitalization, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient services. PRS also connects people with education and job training, resulting in return to the workforce. Unfortunately, until PRS is included in the state plan, it is in danger of not being able to continue to help the most vulnerable of our citizens.

PRS providers are struggling, as are other providers of other types of mental health services, with staffing shortages, inadequate salaries for staff, inadequate transportation to services and non-sustainable reimbursement rates. As a supplemental service, PRS is inadequately and inconsistently funded by the five Behavioral Health Managed Care Plans.

Click or tap here to enter text.*Write a paragraph or two specifically about your program - struggles you have with staffing, transportation, reimbursement rates.*

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*Sincerely,*

Click or tap here to enter text. *(insert name, credentials, contact number)*

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