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## General Comment

My name is Shyla Patera. I am the Policy Coordinator for North Central. Independent Living Services , Inc. Black Eagle, Montana. I am commenting on CMS notice 2025-1056: Conditions of Participation for Participation of Community Mental Health Centers and supporting regulations. As ncils is a center for independent living serving Montana's with disabilities, including those accessing mental health services services, I would like to commend CMS for working to enhance mental health services, particularly those services that centers offer that allow Americans with mental health issues to receive services in the community with a person centered focus and treatment plan. as part of these regulations and collections CMS needs to ensure not only qualified admin health. Therapist are paid under Medicare and Medicaid, but also an entire team with certified credentials as there are many members who are assisting those with mental health issues, especially in rural areas, nickel nickels, appreciates the inclusion of individuals who are just coming out of state hospitals and facilities when when CMS drafts these collections, but we should also make sure that citizens are able to access holistic treatment options and if they do need state hospitals or 72 hours, psychiatric holds to advance treatment options that they advanced the goal of community living and in the community and setting of a member's choice. If Medicare is to be the primary source of these mental health service in the subject of these collections, we must have the ability to not discharging to homelessness. Or back into an institution that is why we have money follow as a person in Medicaid services. This team the same demonstration package if demonstration packages are further allowed moving forward should also be covered by Medicare as well as mental health and home health in home. The community mental health center should in conjunction with patients and families should advance both medical and social service opportunities that will help the family stabilize and deal

with interactions or other opportunities moving forward. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.