What Essential Behavioral Health Services are not Covered by Medicaid?

Each area of service or support is charted on the client’s journey with a provider, from outreach and initial contact to supporting them after they discharge from care.

- Prevention and early intervention in schools, shelters, and hospitals.
- Critical services pre-diagnosis, such as universal screening, brief intervention, care coordination, drop-in sessions within school settings, consultations, etc.
- Behavioral health consultations for youth, parents, teachers, and family members who are considering help or seeking help.

System-Wide Needs
- Referral coordination with other providers.
- Start-up costs for new services.
- Cost for enhancing data collection, reporting, and infrastructure.
- Costs of implementing new requirements and continuous regulation changes.

Other concerns include:
- Reimbursement rates do not cover the true cost of care.
- Clients with private insurance who are unable to pay their high deductibles out of pocket.
- A dramatic increase in clients losing insurance coverage, including Medicaid, because of redetermination processes.