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## To Whom it May Concern,

Across the country, child and family service organizations—including Youth Home, Inc. in Little Rock, AR—are facing significant delays in receiving payments from the TRICARE military insurance program. These delays are preventing timely reimbursement for services already provided to children and families who have bravely served our nation.

This ongoing issue, which predates the current government shutdown, has been escalating for nearly two years. However, it is critical now that no claims are being paid due to the government shutdown. This threatens the financial stability of providers and, more importantly, the continuity of care for military families in need of trauma-informed, relationship-based psychiatric services.

Youth Home, Inc. has joined colleagues nationwide in calling on our U.S. Senators, Representatives, and the Department of Defense to take immediate action to resolve these delays. Military families deserve better, and the organizations that serve them must be supported—not hindered—in their mission to heal and restore hope.

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