

# Aligning for Behavioral Health Crisis Support



We are proud to support The Kennedy Forum and their **Alignment for Progress** movement to find systemic solutions to an issue that affects so many and to ensure mental health is treated as essential health.



Nearly **1 in 3** people had a mental health or substance use disorder in 2023



**90%** of Americans believe the country is in a mental health crisis

## Overview

After leaving Congress, Patrick J. Kennedy founded **The Kennedy Forum**, a nonprofit that unites advocates, business leaders, and government agencies to advance evidence-based practices, policies, and programming in mental health and addiction.

## Alignment for Progress Goal

The Kennedy Forum launched this movement to reach a big goal: by 2033, **90%** of all individuals will be screened for mental health and substance use disorders, **90%** of those who need care will be able to receive evidence-based treatment, **90%** of those receiving treatment will be able to manage their symptoms in recovery.

## Mercer's Commitment

Mercer commits to bringing together State **Medicaid** leadership with major **employers** and commercial **insurance** companies within at least five states to explore expanding commercial coverage for mobile crisis response and crisis stabilization centers, which will support both financial stability and expanded access to these cost-effective, best practices for behavioral health crisis intervention and emergency room diversion.

**Getting there together**

Interested in supporting Mercer's commitment?  
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