



Cape and Islands Municipal Leaders Association, Inc.
Representing 22 Municipalities & 105 Elected Officials

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Maura T. Healey
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Pocasset Mental Health Center

Dear Governor Healey:

The Cape and Islands Municipal Leaders Association, Inc. (CIMLA) is writing to respectfully request that the Governor's proposed FY26 budget remove from inclusion the closure of Pocasset Mental Health Center.

As an organization who represents the twenty-two municipalities on Cape Cod & the Islands, CIMLA is acutely aware of the challenges associated with securing year-round mental health services. The Pocasset Mental Health Center is a facility on Cape Cod that serves some of our most disadvantaged constituents who have historically struggled to find quality mental health support in our region. Closing this facility would be a significant step backwards in the State's efforts to improve how we address the increasingly difficult challenge of mental health treatment. Cape Cod has only one facility of this type, forcing its closure and eliminating the related services would be detrimental to the residents of our region.

CIMLA hereby requests that the current recommended closure of the Pocasset Mental Health Center be retracted and removed from the Governor's FY26 budget recommendations. In addition, we look forward to working with the Healey-Driscoll Administration and our legislators to address budget challenges to keep this facility open.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Brown, Select Board Member, Town of Falmouth and
President, Cape and Islands Municipal Leaders Association, Inc.

cc: Cape & Islands Legislative Delegation (via e-mail)