



March 15, 2023

RE: Preventing mid-year formulary changes: SF 328

Dear Chair Klein, and Members of the Committee,

The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota (EFMN) serves people with epilepsy and seizures across Minnesota. Epilepsy is a neurological condition that is defined as having more than one unprovoked seizures. 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 will have a seizure in their lifetime. We are writing today to express our support for provisions of SF 328, which will prevent mid-year formulary changes.

It is very important for people with epilepsy to have consistent access to their medications. Mid-year changes to a formulary can create challenges for people with epilepsy in accessing their medication, which may cause breakthrough seizures. For those fortunate enough to gain seizure control through medication, a change in the prescription that has effectively controlled their seizures can be physically, mentally, and financially devastating.

EFMN supports the provisions in SF 328 that would prevent mid-year formulary changes, and we strongly support the A-3 amendment, which ensures that the same protections from mid-year formulary changes apply for the state's most vulnerable people, those on Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). Please reach out to EFMN's Advocacy and Public Policy Manager, Sara Goodno at [sgoodno@efmn.org](mailto:sgoodno@efmn.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glen Lloyd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Glen Lloyd  
Executive Director  
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota