

March 20, 2023

Sen. Melissa Wickland  
2107 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Sen. John Marty  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3235  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Sen. Wickland and Chair Marty:

Navigator organizations provide MNSure-certified navigators who educate and help Minnesotans across the state enroll in health care coverage. We are writing in support of SF2265, which assists with the transition from the Public Health Emergency.

We work closely with MNSure, the Department of Human Services, County Human Service agencies, and insurance brokers to enroll Minnesotans in health coverage through MNSure. We are the front line of healthcare coverage enrollment efforts, and our work will be critical in successfully unwinding from the continuous coverage of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare. Without a robust and effective navigator network, thousands of Minnesotans will be at increased risk of losing affordable coverage. The state will face a sharp increase in the uninsured rate, and the already tragic health disparities for BIPOC and other traditionally underserved communities will continue to grow.

Navigator organizations across the state are committed to providing the necessary services Minnesotans need, but we are threatened in our ability to do so by inadequate funding. During the public health emergency, with continuous eligibility, navigator organizations have lost capacity due to a loss of per enrollment incentive payments and stagnant grant funding. The funding for navigator organizations in SF2265 will begin to assist navigators with rebuilding their capacity to adequately meet the demand for outreach, application, and enrollment assistance during the unwinding of the public health emergency.

**We specifically want to thank you for the**

- **allocation of unused fiscal year 2023 funds that have already been set aside for navigator incentive payments, and**
- **increase in the money available for incentive payments in fiscal year 2024.**

**We also want to encourage you to support an**

- **increase in navigator incentive payments from \$70 to \$100.**

Please let us know if you require any additional information about our work. We appreciate your support of navigator organizations and urge you to offer your continuing support of SF2265 in the Finance Committee and any subsequent floor vote.

Gratefully yours,

Active Care Services

African Community Senior Services

Briva Health

CARE Clinic Inc

Community Resource Connection

Courage Home Care Inc

Health Access MN

Hmong American Partnership Insuralink LLC

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, St. Cloud

MDavis Consulting LLC

Native American Community Clinic

NorthPoint Health and Wellness, Inc

Planned Parenthood Minnesota,

North Dakota, South Dakota Action Fund

Portico Healthnet

Prime Health, Inc

Rainbow Health

Shanti Guidance

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WE Health Clinic