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Re: SF404

Dear Health and Human Committee Member,

I am requesting that you support SF404, the Freedom to Choose bill. Stop government interference in the health care marketplace: Currently, most MA patients are required to choose among a limited set of managed care plans. Managed care plans restrict the care patients receive to the plan's approved doctors, clinics, and procedures. But some MA patients are not required to enroll in a managed care plan; instead, the state allows them medical care without networks. Having two separate systems of MA enrollment is discriminatory; government should not privilege some MA patients with the freedom of choice of doctor but deny that privilege to others. Terminate that discrimination: pass SF404.

SF404 allows all MA patients the freedom to choose their health care providers. We have people of color in our family and this would be advantageous for them.

Passing SF 404 will also reduce racial disparities MA patients face when not allowed to choose culturally appropriate care. Please sign onto SF 404. Please support SF404, Freedom to Choose.

Thank you.

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