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Attention: Health and Human Services Committee Senator Melissa Wiklund Chair

Regarding: SF 404

This is a bill that is known as Freedom to Choose. This is for individuals not wanting to be under the supervision of a managed care organization where there is very little trust. With managed care organizations, this takes away from patients to have a doctor whom patients have a relationship with, or perhaps a doctor who understands the culture of the patient he/she is seeing. By allowing a freedom of choice, communication is much easier that allows for more patient satisfaction. When this happens, people are healthier at a quicker rate.

This is not only a culture issue, but an issue in general. All doctors have their skills and familiarity with certain health care issues. By allowing patients to choose who they would like to see, it enables the patient to get healthier quicker.

Please support SF 404 that allows Medical Assistance Patients to choose who they prefer for their care.

Cordially,

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