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Minnesota Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Senator Melissa Wiklund
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Dear Senator Wiklund and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota chapter of the American College of Physicians, we respectfully encourage you to support and vote in favor of specific sections in the omnibus Health and Human Services omnibus bill **SF2995**. The Minnesota chapter of the American College of Physicians (MN-ACP) represents nearly 2500 internal medicine physicians and internal medicine trainees that take care of adult patients in clinics/hospitals throughout the state. The following provisions of the bill support improving health, healthcare access and increasing health equity for Minnesota residents.

- MA Coverage of Recuperative Care Services (Art. 1, Sec. 24) pg. 31
- Audio-only telehealth extension (Art. 2, Sec. 7) pg.65
- All Payer Claims Database (APCD) changes for increased transparency (Art. 2, Sec. 27) pg. 88
- Workplace safety grants (Art. 4, Sec. 80) pg. 205

While the following items are not included in the Senate Health and Human Services omnibus bill SF2995, the Minnesota chapter of the American College of Physicians also strongly supports: the expansion for Rural physician primary care residency training programs; the updates to the Comprehensive Drug Overdose and Morbidity prevention programs; and Public Health substance use referral/treatment. These programs, supported in the House Health financing omnibus bill, support expansion of rural primary care and important cost-effective behavioral health/substance use prevention and treatment programs that will reduce morbidity and mortality.

As physicians, we see first-hand the impact of disparities in health care coverage and access on our patients and their families. These provisions of **SF2995** will help improve public health, reduce and prevent health disparities and increase access to treatment. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely yours,



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