



March 30, 2023

Dear Chair Hoffman and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

Thank you for your leadership this session as you worked to address Minnesota's Human Services needs. We are grateful to see so many bills included in your Omnibus that will positively impact so many Minnesotans.

Gillette Children's has been serving children with disabilities and complex conditions for over 125 years. We provide care for more than 26,000 patients every year from every county in Minnesota at our 60-bed hospital, and at our clinics throughout the state, including Burnsville, Maple Grove, St. Paul, Baxter, Bemidji, Duluth, Willmar and Mankato.

**Thank you for including:**

- Raising the number of hours a parent of a minor, or spouse, can be reimbursed for providing disability-related care to their minor child or spouse under the Community First Services and Supports program or the Consumer Directed Community Supports program (pp. 28, 51)
- Investments in Information Technology which will improve the experience for Minnesota Health Care Programs enrollees (throughout the bill)
- Funding the Minnesota Council on Disability (included in the spreadsheet)
- Increasing the rates for the Personal Care Assistance program and the Community First Services and Supports program (p. 52)
- Creating the Supporting New Americans in the Long-Term Care Workforce grant program (p. 13)
- Allowing Personal Care Assistants to drive clients (p. 18)
- Increasing funding for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation rates (p. 113) and fuel adjustment rates (p. 118)
- Eliminating TEFRA parental fees (p. 106)
- MA-EPD premium modification and asset limit elimination (p. 110)

Thank you for your hard work in putting this bill together and for your strong support of children and adults with disabilities and complex conditions. Please reach out to Marnie Falk, Gillette's Director of Public Policy, with any questions at [marniefalk@gillettechildrens.com](mailto:marniefalk@gillettechildrens.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Joers", written in a cursive style.

Barbara Joers  
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