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RE: SF 3543

Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

Medical Alley represents a global network of more than 800 leading health technology and care companies including representation from all corners of the state of Minnesota. Our mission is to activate and amplify healthcare transformation.

Recognized worldwide as a leader in healthcare innovation, Minnesota sets a standard for excellence – impacting local communities and influencing global health outcomes and advancements. With access, affordability, and quality as top priorities, Medical Alley and our partners are committed to developing solutions which drive meaningful change and save lives.

It is with these guiding principles that we express concern about Senate File 3543's impact on patient access to healthcare coverage.

As you are aware, the Minnesota Department of Health released a [preliminary report](#) on HMO conversions in February. Department of Health Commissioner Brooke Cunningham states on page four:

The issues addressed in this report are complicated and often highly technical. They are also of significant importance to Minnesotans: access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage is an important factor that contributes to an individual's overall health, and one that has clear financial implications for individuals, families, and employers. Having a robust, transparent regulatory structure for entities that provide insurance coverage is necessary for accountability in meeting all state and federal requirements. The final report from MDH on these issues, due on June 30, 2024, will provide more in-depth analysis of how other states approach regulating HMO conversion transactions, as well as options for legislators to consider related to both the ongoing regulation of for-profit and foreign HMOs in Minnesota and the treatment of conversion transactions.

Medical Alley believes that passing Senate File 3543 would be premature given the limited data currently available pertaining to an issue affecting the healthcare coverage for Minnesotans. We urge legislators to oppose Senate File 3543 and wait for the full report in June before moving forward on legislation with such wide-ranging impact on access to healthcare in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter Glessing'.

Peter Glessing
Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy
Medical Alley