



Minnesota Coalition
FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

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Senator Melissa Wiklund
Chair, Health & Human Services Committee
Room 1100, Minnesota Senate Building

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting (MCFHV) urges you to support SF 4664, to invest in children's mental health care, and the provider workforce that supports the wellbeing of families in Minnesota. When addressed and treated early, mental health interventions are shown to prevent the need for additional medication, saving costs and mitigating the lifelong impact of mental health challenges on a baby's cognitive, physical and emotional development.

Young children and their families are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis and too often parents are forced to choose between their family's financial wellbeing and treating their mental health. Steep copays and long distance make it challenging for families to access care while low reimbursement rates inhibit providers from being able to offer this critical care to all families in need.

Investing in mental health services in Minnesota will increase access to affordable healthcare by removing unnecessary complexities, reducing prior authorization requirements, and investing in the workforce supporting the mental health and wellbeing of families in Minnesota.

Please join the Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting in supporting SF 4664 to address rising mental health concerns and to improve access to preventative and early intervention mental health services for both caregivers and their young children.

Thank you,

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