



April 17, 2024

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

We are grateful for the inclusion of the alternate inpatient payment rate language included in Article 2, Section 3. This language will allow Gillette Children's - a specialty children's hospital serving children with disabilities, rare diseases, and complex medical conditions from all 87 Minnesota counties - to retain approximately \$7.3 million in Medical Assistance payments we have already received for the 2021 rate year. We appreciate Senator Mann's leadership as the Chief Author of this legislation and the support from Senator Utke and Senator Abeler as co-authors.

We also appreciate the inclusion of:

- Equitable health plan coverage for orthotic and prosthetic devices (Beginning in Article 4, Section 21)
- Graduate medical education costs supplemental payments (Beginning in Article 1, Section 1)
- Direction to the Commissioner of Children, Youth and Families to designate a department leader to be responsible for coordination of services and outcomes around children's mental health and children with or at risk for disabilities within and between the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; the Department of Human Services; and related agencies. (Article 14, Section 27)
- Additional funding for Minnesota's Rare Disease Advisory Council

Thank you for all of your hard work this session! We appreciate your support of Gillette Children's and the patients and families we serve.

Sincerely,

Barbara Joers

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President and CEO

Marnie Falk

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Director, Public Policy