



April 17, 2024

Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair,
Committee on Health and Human Services
2107 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Chair Wiklund and Committee Members,

Thank you for including and supporting the County Administered Rural Medical Assistance (CARMA) development proposal and funding, S.F. 3372 (Hoffman), in your HHS Omnibus delete-everything amendment.

This bipartisan legislation directs, facilitates, and supports the continuing collaborative effort between counties and the Department of Human Services to develop an innovative and more integrated model of county-based care delivery for people enrolled in state public programs. This model has great potential to better integrate county services and address Social Determinants of Health, and do so in a more flexible, cost-effective manner.

The language in the omnibus bill directs the Commissioner of DHS, in collaboration with county-based purchasing plans and the Association of Minnesota Counties to bring forward a detailed plan and model legislation for implementing CARMA to the legislature in 2025.

We appreciate your continued support for this important innovation and collaboration focused on better outcomes for those we serve.

Sincerely,

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