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Sen. John Marty  
3235 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

### **MACHP Supports SF 1059: Patient-centered Care for Medical Assistance**

Dear Sen. Marty,

The Minnesota Association of County Health Plans (MACHP), representing the state's three county-based purchasing (CBP) plans in 32 counties across Greater Minnesota, appreciates your leadership in introducing SF1059 to enhance access to high-quality, locally managed health care for Minnesota's Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees.

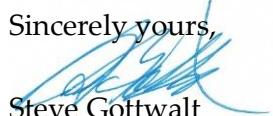
By reinforcing CBP as a cornerstone of local health care delivery, this bill represents a transformative step toward a more patient-centered and cost-effective system. SF1059's provision for the Department of Human Services (DHS) to reimburse providers directly ensures and leverages the strength of CBP plans – a proven rural health model that prioritizes local needs, solutions, accountability, and outcomes.

CBP plans have a long history of reinvesting in local health initiatives to improve care coordination and expand access to essential services, including mental health and dental care. Unlike traditional managed care organizations, CBP plans partner directly with providers to address gaps in care, ensuring that patients receive timely, comprehensive treatment. SF1059 strengthens this by prioritizing patient-provider relationships and eliminating unnecessary administrative barriers that can delay care.

This bill also helps address health disparities in rural communities by supporting outreach efforts through community-based programs, meeting the needs of underserved populations – particularly those facing barriers due to geography, socioeconomic status, or complex health needs.

MACHP appreciates this proposal, which has bipartisan support, and looks forward to working with you as it moves forward. Thank you, again, for your continuing support of CBP, and for your commitment to strengthening care and outcomes for Minnesotans who rely on public health programs.

Sincerely yours,

  
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