



Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate
St. Paul, MN 55155

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

On behalf of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association (MCA), I am writing to express our deep concern regarding the proposal included in Senate File 2669 to increase the Health Care Provider Tax from 1.8% to 2%. While the MCA has long supported access to care for all Minnesotans through programs like MinnesotaCare, we have consistently advocated for the repeal—not expansion—of the Health Care Provider Tax.

Implemented in 1992 to fund MinnesotaCare, this tax continues to add unnecessary cost to patient care and creates a significant administrative burden for providers, particularly those practicing in small, independent clinics. For chiropractic providers, this burden is especially frustrating. Due to closed provider networks, many chiropractors who collect and remit the tax are not even eligible to serve MinnesotaCare recipients. To compound the inequity, current law unduly restricts chiropractic doctors from offering the full scope of services they are licensed to provide under MinnesotaCare—even though those services are taxed.

Earlier this session, during your committee's discussion of SF595, the limited chiropractic benefit under both MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance was brought to light. The discussion highlighted how the current structure falls short of supporting meaningful access to chiropractic care for enrollees in these programs.

Given the already limited benefit set, the growing pressure of employer mandates, the impacts of inflation, and other proposed cost increases—such as those related to professional licensing—the chiropractic profession strongly opposes any increase in the provider tax. At a time when small healthcare practices are struggling to remain viable, this proposal would only serve to further erode access to care and punish providers who are already stretched thin.

As an alternative, we urge the committee to consider carving chiropractic doctors out of the provider tax. If our services continue to be excluded from meaningful participation in MinnesotaCare, we should not be burdened with the costs of funding it.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective. We stand ready to work with you to ensure access to quality care for all Minnesotans without disproportionately harming small providers.

Sincerely,

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