



April 9, 2025

Sen. John Hoffman
Room 2111, Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave W
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 3054 Human Services Omnibus Budget Bill

Dear Chair Hoffman and Committee Members:

We are writing in support of various provisions included in your proposed human services omnibus budget bill.

Hennepin Healthcare System is Minnesota's largest Medicaid provider system and safety-net level I trauma hospital with primary care clinics across Hennepin County. When patients who do not need an acute level of care cannot discharge from our hospital, the Emergency Department (ED) backs up with "boarders" waiting for an inpatient bed. As a result, we end up turning away trauma and other patients in the ED and with patients remaining in our hospital far longer than medically necessary.

As such, we are grateful for the inclusion of the **abbreviated annual reassessments for individuals receiving disability waiver services (SF 2598)** and the **community care hub grant (SF 554)**. These proposals will help alleviate navigating lengthy administrative processes and decrease emergency room visits, respectively, both of which impact the discharge delay challenges our patients face.

Additionally, we are also supportive of the inclusion of **extending the availability of funding for supported decision making grants (SF 2310)**, which will help patients get to the appropriate level of care they need and reduce avoidable days spent in our health system.

I am grateful for your support of these critical legislative proposals that will make a difference for patients across the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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