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April 8, 2025

Senator John Hoffman, Chair
Human Services Committee
Health and Human Services Committee
95 University Avenue W.
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St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 3054 Minor Technical Language Amendment request

Senator Hoffman,

Thank you for your work in health and human services. This letter is to request a minor language revision in the current version of SF 3054. It's found on line 90.3 of the bill. As currently written:

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 254B.03, subdivision 1, is currently drafted:

Subdivision 1. Local agency duties

Financial eligibility determinations.

(a) Every local agency

The commissioner of human services or Tribal Nation servicing agencies must determine financial eligibility for substance use disorder services and provide substance use disorder services to persons residing within its jurisdiction who meet criteria established by the commissioner. Substance use disorder money must be administered by the local agencies according to law and rules adopted by the commissioner under sections 14.001 to 14.69.

The language as its written mandates tribes to determine financial eligibility and provide SUD services to persons residing within its jurisdiction who meet criteria established by the commissioner. The problem is that tribes are able to determine eligibility on the reservation of individuals who meet criteria established by the tribe. Resources can be stretched at times, so tribes can't agree to serve everyone who resides on the reservation

and some individuals will remain a county responsibility. Therefore, we recommend a language amendment to read as follows:

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 254B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Local agency duties

Financial eligibility determinations.

(a) Every local agency

The commissioner of human services or Tribal Nation servicing agencies must determine financial eligibility for substance use disorder services and provide substance use disorder services to persons residing within its jurisdiction who meet criteria established by the commissioner **or the respective Tribal Nation**. Substance use disorder money must be administered by the local agencies according to law and rules adopted by the commissioner under sections 14.001 to 14.69.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact us at your convenience.

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Michael Fairbanks (Apr 8, 2025 16:43 CDT)

Chairman Michael Fairbanks







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