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Dear Chair Klein and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

AspireMN is a statewide association of children and family serving organizations with delivery of care in children's mental health, child welfare, and a variety of service models oriented to provide early intervention for families, meet critical needs and promote family preservation.

We are grateful for this committee's review of SF4018 and strongly encourage positive action to include Clinical Trainees as a critical part of the mental health workforce.

For our children's mental health continuum clinical Trainees deliver essential care as they conclude their studies to become licensed mental health professionals. Clinical Trainees are definitionally included chapter 245I and are currently providing care across our mental health continuum, inclusive of all payors.

SF4018 clarifies in 62Q that Clinical Trainees are part of the mental health service continuum for those with commercial insurance – creating certainty for clients, payors and providers.

Warm regards,



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