March 26, 2026

RE: SF 1856

Chair Klein, Senator Maye Quade, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Health Plan Partnership of Minnesota (HPPM), I appreciate the opportunity to comment on Senator Maye Quade's bill prohibiting the use of Artificial Intelligence during utilization review. HPPM's mission is to advocate for accessible, competitive, high quality, and affordable health care across Minnesota.

With the rapid expanse of artificial intelligence, we very much can appreciate the conversation on how our members utilize AI. Our members' current practice is to have a qualified professional review all denials based on medical necessity. We would like to make note that the utilization of artificial intelligence has been useful in speeding up the approval process and reducing the risk of human error so our customers may get the care they need.

We look forward to working with all parties to make sure there are no adverse impacts on our customers and their care.

Sincerely,

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