

State of Minnesota Minnesota Department of Corrections

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Honorable Linda Berglin, Chair Senate Health, Human Services & Corrections Budget Division 309 Capitol St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Honorable Steve Smith, Chair House Judiciary Policy & Finance Committee 543 State Office Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senator Berglin and Representative Smith:

In compliance with Special Laws 2001, Chapter 9, art. 19, sec. 16, following is the Department of Corrections' report on insurance coverage for DUI offenders.

A number of questions were developed to determine whether an offender had insurance coverage at the time of incarceration. Those questions are:

- Do you currently have health insurance coverage?
- Did you have health insurance at the time you committed this latest felony?
- If so, who was your health insurance carrier?
- Was this an employer-sponsored health insurance plan?
- Were you the covered employee?
- If not, was your spouse/domestic partner the covered employee?
- What is the policy number for your health insurance plan?

To date, only one offender has responded in the affirmative. The administrator of this offender's coverage was contacted twice regarding reimbursement to the department. To date, there has been no response.

The agency contact person for this report is Nanette M. Schroeder, Director of Health Services. She can be contacted at 651/603-0165 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joan Fabian Commissioner

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