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**RE: Report on Results of Request for Information Regarding the Cost and
Feasibility of a Comprehensive Evaluation of Mandated Health Benefits as
Required by Minnesota Session Laws 2012 Chapter 292 Article 4 Section 14.**

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Minnesota Session Laws 2012, Chapter 292, Article 4, Section 14, directed the Department of Commerce to issue a request for information regarding the cost and feasibility of a comprehensive evaluation of mandated health benefits required by a Minnesota statute or rule as of June 1, 2012, and to report on the results of the request for information to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services and commerce.

On October 15, 2012, a Notice of Request for Information for Evaluation of Mandated Health Benefits was published in the State Register. The response due date was November 15, 2012. As of the due date, no responses to the Request for Information were received.

Attached please find a copy of:

- the Request for Information
- the Notice of Request for Information as published in the State Register

Please let me know if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,



Emily Johnson Piper
Deputy Commissioner, Chief of Staff

cc: Commissioner Mike Rothman

Request for Information (RFI)
Minnesota Department of Commerce
Evaluation of Mandated Health Benefits

Purpose and Objectives

This document is a request for information regarding the cost and feasibility of a comprehensive evaluation of mandated health benefits that, as of June 1, 2012, were required by a Minnesota statute or rule. The State is seeking information that it may use for future planning, budgeting, and/or legislation.

This RFI, and responses to it, does not in any way obligate the State, nor will it provide any advantage to respondents in potential future Requests for Proposals for competitive procurement. Responders are responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submission of responses to this RFI.

Background

SF 880 was introduced during the 2011 legislative session which, if enacted, would have required the Minnesota Department of Commerce to evaluate the impact of Minnesota's mandated health benefits set based on a variety of criteria outlined the legislation. During the course of the legislative session, the proposal was modified to require the Minnesota Department of Commerce to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to evaluate the cost and feasibility of such a study by a private firm or firms.

Minnesota has had a mechanism in place to evaluate mandated health coverage benefits legislative proposals since passage of Minnesota Statutes 62J.26 Evaluation of Proposed Health Coverage Mandates by the state legislature during the First Special Session in 2003. Minnesota Statutes 62J.26, Subd. 2, paragraph (b), clauses (1) through (6) specifically relates to the legislated mechanism for evaluation of proposed health coverage benefits and requires the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (COMM), in consultation with the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to evaluate "mandated health benefit proposals".

Requests to evaluate mandated health benefit proposals are made by the chair of any standing legislative committee that has jurisdiction over the subject matter of legislation that has been or is likely to be introduced or offered as an amendment containing a mandated health benefit proposal.

Standing legislative committees typically with subject matter jurisdiction over mandated health benefits would include: the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee, the House Health and Human Services Finance Committee, the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee and the House Commerce and Regulatory Reform Committee. The state agency must submit a written report on the evaluation to the legislature no later than 180 days after the request and the completed evaluation is available to inform any committee or floor action.

See 2012 Regular Session, Chapter 292, Article 4, Section 14:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION; EVALUATION OF MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS.

The commissioner of commerce shall issue a request for information regarding the cost and feasibility of a comprehensive evaluation of mandated health benefits required by a Minnesota statute or rule as of June 1, 2012. The commissioner shall issue a written report on the results of the request for information to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services and commerce no later than December 15, 2012. Any such evaluation must include the analysis, data, and information described in Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.26, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clauses (1) through (6). For purposes of this section, a "mandated health benefit" means a statutory or administrative requirement that a health plan do the following:

- (1) provide coverage or increase the amount of coverage for the treatment of a particular disease, condition, or other health care need;
- (2) provide coverage or increase the amount of coverage of a particular type of health care treatment or service, or of equipment, supplies, or drugs used in connection with a health care treatment or service; or
- (3) provide coverage for care delivered by a specific type of provider.

Response Content

Part 1. Identify, including citations, all mandated health benefits in effect as of June 1, 2012, that meet the following criteria:

"Mandated health benefit" means a statutory or administrative requirement that a health plan do the following:

- provide coverage or increase the amount of coverage for the treatment of a particular disease, condition, or other health care need;
- provide coverage or increase the amount of coverage of a particular type of health care treatment or service, or of equipment, supplies, or drugs used in connection with a health care treatment or service; or
- provide coverage for care delivered by a specific type of provider.

Part 2. For each mandated health benefit identified in Part 1, provide the following analysis, data and information:

- I. Scientific and medical information on:
 - a) the health benefit
 - b) the potential for harm or benefit to the patient
 - c) the comparative benefit or harm from alternative forms of treatment
- II. Public health, economic, and fiscal impacts of the mandate on:
 - a) persons receiving health services in Minnesota
 - b) the relative cost-effectiveness of the benefit
 - c) the health care system in general
- III. The extent to which the service is generally utilized by a significant portion of the population
- IV. The extent to which insurance coverage for the mandated benefit is generally available
- V. The extent to which the mandated coverage will increase or decrease the cost of the service
- VI. An actuarial analysis done by health insurers in determining the cost of the mandated benefit

Request for Information Schedule

Posting of RFI: October 15, 2012 Final submission date: November 15, 2012, 4:00 pm Central Time.
Responses received after this date will be reviewed only as time permits.

Response Submission Procedures and Instructions

1. Please e-mail an electronic copy of your response in both MS Word and PDF format to John Reich at john.reich@state.mn.us, using the subject line: "RFI: Evaluation of Mandated Health Benefits."
2. Please include a name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of whom to contact in the event there are questions regarding your submission.

State Contracts

A Request for Proposals will be available by email from this office through November 12, 2012.

A written request (by e-mail) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Lynn Morgan
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 – 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198
E-mail: lynn.morgan@state.mn.us

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above not later than Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., Central Time.

Late proposals will not be considered. Proposals submitted by fax will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Commerce

Notice of Request of Information (RFI) for Evaluation of Mandated Health Benefits

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is requesting information regarding the cost and feasibility of a comprehensive evaluation of all mandated health benefits that, as of June 1, 2012, were required by a Minnesota statute or rule.

The Request for Information will be available by email from this office through November 12, 2012.

A written request (by e-mail) is required to receive a copy of the Request for Information.

The Request for Information can be obtained from:

John Reich
Minnesota Department of Commerce
E-mail: john.reich@state.mn.us

Responses are due by November 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., Central Time. Responses received after this date will be reviewed only as time permits.

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Minnesota Historical Society (MHS)

Request for Proposals for the Fabrication of Exhibit Casework

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified and experienced contractors for the fabrication of exhibit casework for the Civil War exhibition to open March 2, 2013 at the History Center Museum in Saint Paul, MN. Approximately forty (40) wood cases with acrylic vitrines, based on detailed plans from MHIS.

The Request for Proposals (which will also serve as the Project Manual) is available by emailing Mary Green Toussaint, Acting Contracting Officer, at mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org.

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