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Budget for a Better Minnesota: Health Care

Better Health for Every Dollar

Minnesota is a national leader in providing quality health care at low costs. But health and human services are still the fastest growing parts of our budget, with costs rising 8.5% each year. We can do more to improve health and reduce costs. The Governor's budget makes crucial reforms to deliver better services at a better price for taxpayers.

Cost Savings through Reform

» **Bending the Cost Curve.** Since taking office, The Dayton administration has saved taxpayers over \$1 billion through managed care reforms including competitive bidding and a voluntary cap on profits. The Governor's budget builds on these reforms to ensure Minnesotans receive the highest possible value for their public dollars, saving more than \$59 million in 2014 and 2015.

» **Reform 2020.** The Governor's budget changes how seniors and people with disabilities receive long-term care, delivering the right services at the right time. By providing more choice and helping people stay in their homes, Reform 2020 will save taxpayers \$151 million over 5 years.

» **Fighting Fraud, Waste and Abuse.** The Governor's budget increases the state's capacity to root out fraud in public programs, including healthcare, childcare, and nursing home settings.

Delivering Better Care at a Better Price

» **Implementing the Affordable Care Act.** Minnesota is already estimated to save \$1.3 billion over five years as a result of the Affordable Care Act. The Governor's budget will implement additional ACA measures that improve coverage and service in our publicly-funded health care programs. These changes will simplify programs and provide coverage for an additional 47,000 kids and pregnant women, and 98,000 low-income adults.

» **Ensuring every child has a chance at success.** The Governor's budget invests \$48.7 million to make sure every child in Minnesota has the chance to succeed and to support strong, healthy families. His budget: 1) incentivizes adoption over foster care; 2) expands access to children's mental health in schools; 3) reduces child abuse through prevention; 4) improves graduation rates for teen parents; and 5) expands access to high quality childcare for kids with complex needs and teen parents.

» **Improving Mental and Chemical Health.** The Governor's budget invests \$1.9 million to help people with mental illness live in community settings and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations. It will make better use of public dollars by targeting high-need patients with proven interventions.

» **Focus on Prevention.** The Governor's budget invests \$40 million to promote healthy choices and prevent costly chronic disease. The Statewide Health Improvement Program will focus on increasing exercise, improving nutrition and decreasing tobacco and alcohol use in partnership with businesses, schools and local government.