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Commissioner Lucinda Jesson  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
444 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155-3815

RE: Minnesota Data Practices Act request

Dear Commissioner,

I am making a request for access to public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13.

I am seeking to obtain copies of the following public data:

1. Any and all written or electronic correspondence between the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) - and/or any assistant commissioner(s) of DHS - and any employees of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), between January 1, 2011, and April 20, 2012.
2. Any and all contracts related to Medical Assistance and/or any other Minnesota public health care programs executed between DHS and the Minnesota HMOs UCare, Health Partners, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Medica, during the calendar years 2008-2011.

If responsive data are identified, I would like to obtain copies of said data in paper format, if the original format is paper. If the data are stored in an electronic format, I would like to receive my copies in the same electronic format in which the data were originally stored, provided that your agency can reasonably make a copy of the responsive data in that format. Please contact me for any further clarification of the copying modality for this request.

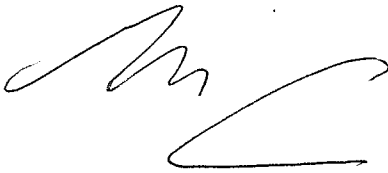
Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending resolution or reclassification of its status.

As required by section 13.03, subd. 3(f) of the Minnesota Statutes, I am requesting that in the event that any portion of this request is not granted, that your department certify in writing that the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial is based.

This request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use.

If you have questions regarding this request, I can be reached by telephone at 651-335-2037, or by e-mail at [info@publicrecordmedia.com](mailto:info@publicrecordmedia.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Ehling', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Ehling  
President, Public Record Media, LLC