



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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-Via email and U.S. mail-

Re: Your letter received April 23, 2011

Dear Mr. Ehling:

Thank you for contacting the Minnesota Department of Human Services ("DHS"). I write you in regards to your recent data request.

In your letter, you request the following data maintained by DHS:

1. Any and all written or electronic correspondence between the Commissioner [of DHS]- and/or any assistant commissioner(s)- and any employee of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), between January 1, 2011, and April 20, 2012; and
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.

Your request involves data maintained by several business areas within DHS. Since you submitted your request, DHS has been searching for and collecting the data that it maintains that is responsive to your request. DHS anticipates that it will mail to you a prepayment invoice once you answer the following question, explained below.

Some of the newer contracts responsive to your request are available on the DHS website. The 2012 contracts are available at the following website address:

[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16\\_160040](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_160040).

The 2011 contracts are available through a link on the bottom of this page, titled, "previous year contracts." These contracts are available to you here free of charge. Yet, DHS will produce copies of the same, according to its copy request policy, should you

choose. Do you prefer that DHS produce these copies for you? To expedite this process, you may send your answer to me via email. My email address is listed below.

Thank you again for contacting DHS. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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