



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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RE: Your letter received April 23, 2012

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.

The documents responsive to your request will be mailed to you as soon as payment is received. In part due to budgetary considerations and the volume of requests for copies of information that DHS routinely receives, DHS generally does not waive associated fees. The estimated cost to prepare the available information you requested will be approximately \$84.89. This represents two hours of staff time at a staff rate of \$34.21 per hour (\$68.42), one hour of staff time at a staff rate of \$15.88 per hour (\$15.88), and a cost of \$0.59 for the CD upon which the electronic copies will be stored. This staff time was spent searching and retrieving the data contained in the copies that you requested.

DHS will be mailing you a separate invoice soon. Please make your payment according to the directions on that invoice. Please also notify me when you have made payment.

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

Sincerely,



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Privacy Official
Minnesota Department of Human Services
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