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# Minnesota House of Representatives

## COMMITTEE: RULES

September 22, 2004

Kevin Goodno, Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
444 Lafayette Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Commissioner Goodno:

I am writing to request data from your agency for the purpose of analyzing the impact of the managed care delivery system on access to and quality of care for Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) enrollees. I know that you and I are both committed to providing access to quality, cost-effective services through MHCPs, and I believe that the requested information will help us move closer to achieving that goal.

My concern focuses on how the transformation of MHCP services from a fee-for-service to managed care delivery system is affecting various aspects of the health care system in the state. Please provide me with information on the following:

- Which managed care plans participate in pre-paid Medical Assistance (PMAP), pre-paid General Assistance Medical Care (PGAMC), and pre-paid MinnesotaCare?
- How extensive is managed care penetration of Medical Assistance (MA), General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) and MinnesotaCare?
- When did the Legislature authorize the department to begin contracting with health plan companies and counties to begin delivering MHCP services under a managed care system?

In addition, I would like to have any research or data that pertains to the following questions:

- Has the switch to a managed care delivery system saved the state money in terms of expenditures for MA, GAMC and MinnesotaCare?
- What impact has the switch to a managed care delivery system had on the quality of care provided under MA, GAMC and MinnesotaCare?
- What impact has the switch to a managed care delivery system had on access to care for MHCP enrollees?
- What impact has the switch to a managed care delivery system had on payments to providers, including but not limited to physicians and hospitals?

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If necessary, please consider this to be a request under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, *Minn. Stat.* §13.03, Subdivision 3. Please contact Dave Greeman, a member of my staff, to discuss in what format the data might be made available to my office. Dave can be contacted at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact either Dave Greeman if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matt", written in black ink.

Matt Entenza  
House DFL Leader