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Date: * No Date *

Subject: follow up letter from Minnesota

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Dear Jennifer, Angela, Jessica, Keri and Richard:

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us on August 2. As follow up to our conversation, we have drafted a letter with information about our discussion and questions that still remain to be answered. Please take some time to read the letter and follow up with me (as was agreed on the phone call).

Also, I thought you might be interested in a new editorial that was published by the Minnesota Star Tribune on August 20. According to the editorial,

"A DHS analysis done at the Star Tribune's request compared average monthly enrollee costs for public patients in managed care vs. those in the state-run fee-for-service plan. Fee-for-service is widely thought to be more costly. But over the past five years, the average monthly cost per enrollee has declined slightly each year (-0.24 percent) while managed care has gone up 3.94 percent annually with a patient group generally less expensive to insure."

You can read the full article at

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials/128102353.html>

Thank you in advance for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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