



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Representative Matt Dean  
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Senator Tony Lourey  
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Dear Representative Dean and Senator Lourey,

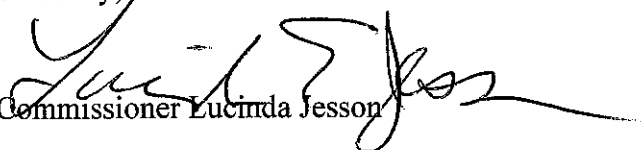
Thank you for your letter regarding nursing facility rate setting. We also have recognized the drafting error you describe and have been studying options available to us for implementing the nursing facility reimbursement reforms enacted in 2015.

Our understanding of legislative intent, as well as clear language in several other subdivisions of 256B.441, brings us to the same conclusion:

- Other care related costs should be included in the calculation of the total care related median, and
- Correcting language should be drafted and enacted as quickly as possible in the 2016 legislative session.

Bob Held is available to work with your staff in drafting a technical bill to correct the language. Please do not hesitate to contact him at 651-431-2261 with further questions.

Sincerely,

  
Commissioner Lucinda Jesson

Cc: Representative Joe Schomacker  
Representative Kurt Daudt  
Senator Tom Bakk  
Lauren Gilchrist, Office of Governor Mark Dayton & Lt. Governor Tina Smith

