

RE: Support for HF1030/SF1264, eliminating cost-sharing

Dear Members,

We are writing in support of HF1030 (Liebling) and SF1264 (Wiklund), a proposal that eliminates cost-sharing in MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance and prohibits cost-sharing in individual and small group markets and the State Employee Group Insurance Program.

Across race, income, age, and zip code, everyone deserves access to affordable healthcare. Cost-sharing, in the form of copays, deductibles, and coinsurance, creates barriers for many Minnesotans to access the care they need. These unpredictable out-of-pocket expenses can be particularly burdensome for low-income families, Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color, and those with chronic health conditions.

As lawmakers work to address high costs of healthcare and prescription drugs, eliminating cost-sharing will ensure more Minnesotans have access to the care they need, regardless of their income, improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities.

Our government is responsible for making healthcare work for everyone. HF1030 and SF1264 would make critical progress toward improving our healthcare system.

We urge you to support this bill.

Thank you.

Signed,

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