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## HF2930 – COVID-Delayed Preventive Care

*The Minnesota Association of County Health Plans (MACHP) is a non-profit association representing the state's three county owned and operated County-Based Purchasing (CBP) plans. For more than 40 years, CBP plans have been assuring access to quality, cost-effective care for people enrolled in Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). CBP plans currently serve more than 107,000 MHCP enrollees in 33 counties. Minnesota law, passed in 1997 on a bi-partisan basis (256B.692, 256B.694), gives counties special authority to choose and adopt CBP.*

Dear Representative Lieblich and Committee Members:

MACHP supports the **COVID-Delayed Preventive Care** provisions in **HF2930**, as shown on **page 72** of the budget document (<https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2024-25-biennial-budget-books/governors-revised-march/health.pdf>).

This proposal offers a transformative approach to how the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) serves and supports rural, older adults, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and communities living with disabilities in Minnesota. The proposal currently includes **a one-time significant investment in funds for grants** across the state that will support:

- **Community-led organizations** statewide linking people to in-person, community-based and telehealth services, and addressing social needs and underlying causes of poor health
- **Better equipping health care systems** with culturally relevant interventions and improved care coordination, including better use of community health workers
- **Using telehealth** to focus on preventive and chronic disease management
- **Improving payer reimbursement** and sustainability for preventive care
- **Evaluating chronic disease screening and management** programs in community and clinical settings

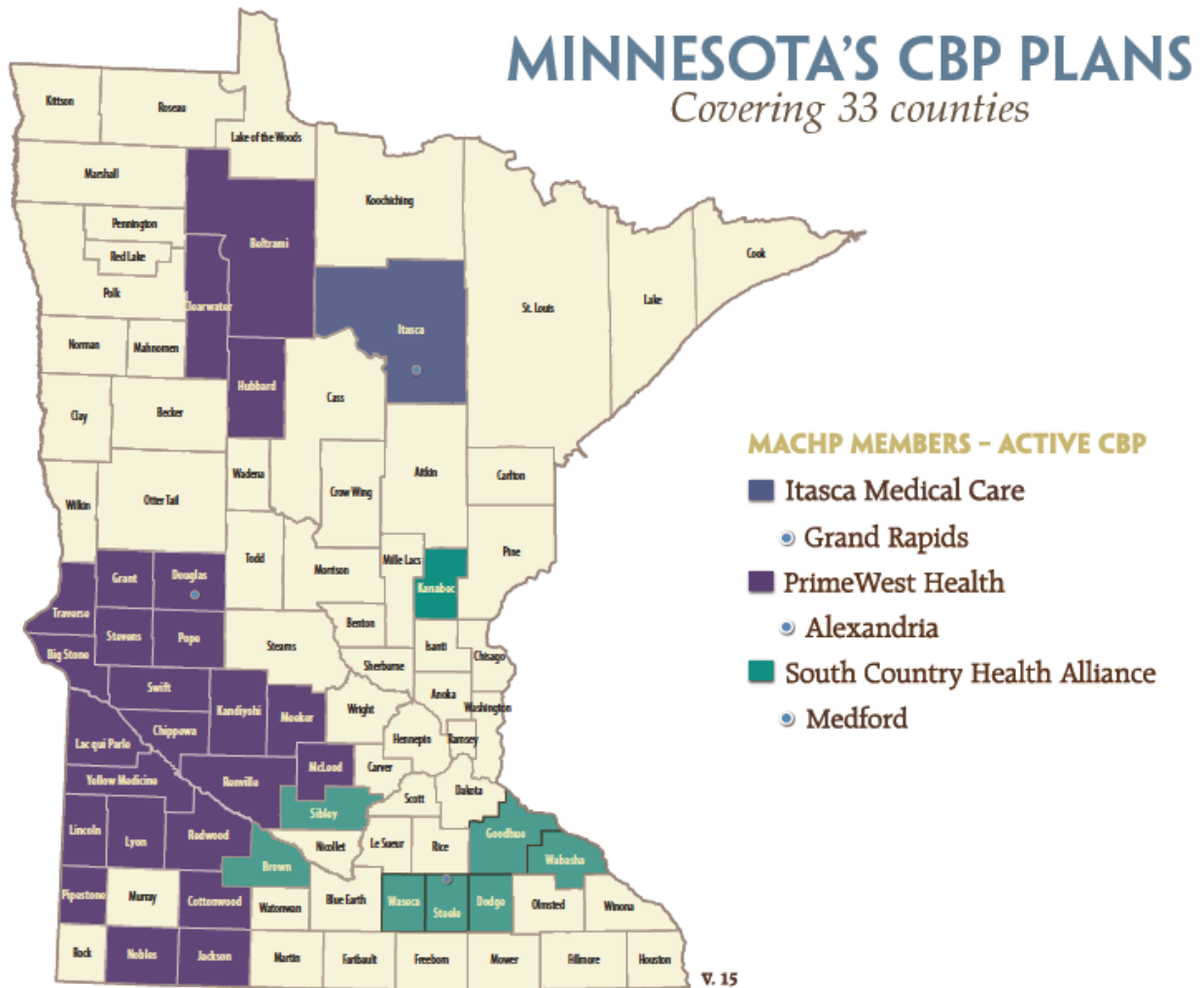
We urge you to support the **COVID-Delayed Preventive Care provisions in HF2930**, and thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: MACHP Board – Itasca Medical Care; PrimeWest Health; South Country Health Alliance

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**Itasca Medical Care** – Owned and governed by **Itasca County**. Serves more than **10,700** MHCP enrollees.  
**PrimeWest Health** – Owned and governed by **24 counties**. Serves more than **63,600** MHCP enrollees.  
**South Country Health Alliance** – Owned and governed by **8 counties**. Serves more than **32,900** MHCP enrollees.