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Re: Conference Committee on SF 2995 - Health and Human Services Omnibus Budget Bill

Dear HHS Conferees,

On behalf of the Metro Minnesota Council on Graduate Medical Education ("MMCGME"), I am providing comments on SF2995 and its changes for medical and health professional training funding. We support the changes proposed by MDH and DHS, but wish to express the critical need for the addition of study language to ensure Minnesota is maximizing all federal funding opportunities for medical and health professional training and consulting with stakeholders on reforms to the methodology.

MMCGME represents a coalition of Minnesota's teaching hospitals and graduate medical education programs, including Hennepin Healthcare, HealthPartners, M Health Fairview, the University of Minnesota, the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, Allina Health System and Children's Minnesota amongst other affiliated hospital members. Our members provide 61 percent of Minnesota's physician residency and advanced practice professional training. Among physicians and providers trained in our state, 74 percent remain here once their training is complete.

While we are very grateful that the House, Senate and Governor's budgets each restore most Medicaid health professional funding, this is not a new appropriation. It is **a state funds reduction** during the largest budget surplus in Minnesota history. DHS concedes in their change page that the state's contribution to health professional training funding will be reduced by about \$6 million (state share) per year.¹

Now more than ever, we need to ensure that our state continues to invest in the health care workforce of our future to provide and expand on the opportunities to train our state's future physicians, advanced practice providers and health care professionals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Frisch", is written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Frisch, MD, Chair
Metro Minnesota Council on Graduate Medical Education
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CC: Josh Ney, Sophie Wallerstedt, Office of Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan

¹ Minnesota Dept. of Human Services FY2024-2025 Budget change pages, p. 402. <https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2024-25-biennial-budget-books/governors-recommendations-january/human-services.pdf>

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