

March 17, 2026

House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
Saint Paul, MN 55155-1298

RE: HF 4282

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of NAMI Minnesota, I am writing to express concerns with HF 4282.

NAMI Minnesota supported the original passage of the Larry R. Hill Reform Act, which received bipartisan support and was designed to improve continuity of care for individuals with mental illnesses entering jails. We have consistently heard that access to prescribed medications is a significant challenge in these settings, and this law helps ensure individuals can continue the medications they were taking in the community.

HF 4282 removes an important provision requiring jail medical providers to consult with the prescribing health care professional. In our view, this type of consultation is standard practice in health care and is critical to maintaining continuity of care. We recommend retaining the language in lines 1.14 –1.15.

The bill also removes a reasonable provision allowing jail medical providers to prescribe a medication that is at least as effective as the one previously prescribed. Eliminating this language may unintentionally limit appropriate clinical discretion. If the intent is to preserve provider flexibility, we recommend unstriking lines 1.18–1.19 (through “and”) and striking lines 1.20 –1.21 to better balance continuity of care with clinical judgment.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge you to take these concerns into account and prioritize continuity of care for individuals with mental illnesses.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director