



## **MACHP 2011 Legislative Priorities**

**MACHP supports the following principles for Minnesota state health and human services budgeting and health care reform:**

- Simplify and streamline Minnesota Health Care Programs
- Focus on outcomes and reduce health care regulations and mandates
- User consumer-directed approaches that promote personal responsibility
- Increase local control
- Maintain an adequate safety net of public, private and charitable services
- Implement program reforms and budget cuts in ways that account for the unique characteristics of rural communities

### **MACHP legislative agenda for 2011**

- **Local control.** Increase the role of local communities and elected officials in determining how Minnesota Health Care Programs are administered and health care reform policies are implemented at the local level.
- **Regulatory reform.** Reduce state regulations, mandates and administrative requirements for health plans that are otherwise accountable to local elected officials and communities.
- **Rural providers.** Ensure that state legislation does not put independent rural health care providers at a disadvantage compared to the large statewide and national provider chains.
- **State cost shifting.** Ensure that state budget decisions and program reforms do not shift costs to local governments, providers and businesses.