

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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June 29, 2021

The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Hortman:

Please be advised that I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State the following House Files:

[H. F. No. 33](#), relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for health and human services; modifying various provisions governing Department of Human Services health programs, the Department of Health, health-related licensing boards, prescription drugs, telehealth, economic supports, child care assistance, child protection, behavioral health, direct care and treatment, disability services, and home and community-based services; continuing Minnesota premium security plan to a certain date; making technical changes; modifying fees; establishing civil and criminal penalties; establishing task forces; requiring reports; appropriating money. ([Journal of the House 822](#))

Sincerely,

Tim Walz  
Governor

[Chapter 7](#) (H. F. No. 33)

Sec. 36. **RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.057, subdivision 9, 256L.06, subdivision 3, or any other provision to the contrary, the commissioner shall not collect any unpaid premium for a coverage month that occurred during the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, periodic data matching under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561, subdivision 2, may be suspended for up to six months following the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the requirement for the commissioner of human services to issue an annual report on periodic data matching under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561, is suspended for one year following the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.