

COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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House Humans Services Policy
Minnesota House
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Fischer and Members of the Human Services Committee,

We are writing to express support to House File 1434, Representative Edelson's bill to reduce parental fees.

Families of children with disabilities who are eligible for services under the Medical Assistance TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) and waiver programs are experiencing rising parental fees. These high fees can cause extreme financial stress and hardship, resulting in families going into debt or not accessing important home- and community-based services that would be extremely beneficial to children's health and development. The Coalition for Children with Disabilities (CCD) strongly supports efforts to reduce and eliminate these fees.

We are thankful to Representative Edelson for championing this critical work and urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support to House File 1434. Please contact Natalia Madryga at nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com or 952-693-1329 with any questions.

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