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Representative Kelly Morrison
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Senator Melissa Wicklund
2227 Minnesota Senate Building
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Dear Representative Morrison and Sen. Wicklund,

On behalf of the 3,100 members of the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians, we strongly support your bill to allow for coverage and reimbursement of postpartum long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) prior to hospital discharge.

As family physicians, we advocate for our patients to have autonomy and choice regarding their reproductive health. These are decisions patients must make in consultation with their healthcare provider. As one important option, LARC is a highly effective reversible contraception and has high levels of patient satisfaction. While a patient is still in the hospital following a delivery is a time many patients will consider this and other contraceptive options. This can be a natural time for placement of a LARC p and we must ensure that the patient receives coverage for this service, regardless of the type of insurance coverage.

Thank you for your work on this important issue of post-partum LARC for reproductive health. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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