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Honorable Tina Liebling, Chair
Minnesota House Health Finance and Policy Committee
477 State Office Building
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Dear Chair Liebling and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HF: 693 (Fischer). As a managed care organization providing integrated medical, dental, and mental health care and coverage, we are writing to affirm the value of this model to Medical Assistance (MA) enrollees. HealthPartners works to improve the health of these members and advance health equity through a range of innovative services and programs. Below are some examples:

- **Comprehensive Member Access and Supports:** We offer a range of supports to connect members to services and help them find a provider that meets their needs. As part of our Member Services team, we embed “navigators” with specialized expertise to specifically help connect members to behavioral health, pharmacy, or specialized medical or dental care. We also provide care coordination and disease and case management support for members with acute or chronic conditions. We also offer health coaching to support members to achieve their health goals and offer incentives to members who receive key preventive care or screenings.
- **Advancing Health Equity:** Pregnancy and post-partum care are among the areas where we are working to reduce health inequities. In addition to supporting all members through the continuum of pregnancy and post-partum, we also partner with community organizations such as Healthy Black Pregnancies and Everyday Miracles to offer individual and group support.
- **Helping Providers Care for Patients:** We partner with medical providers – including those in the community – using a variety of innovative payment models to support care goals, improve quality, and address social drivers of health. We partner with providers to offer flexible care models to meet members where they are at and support the member/patient relationship. For example, for behavioral health care, we partner with mental health providers serving high-need patients in the community, such as Radas Health and Vail Place.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continued conversations with committee members on our shared goals of quality and affordable care for our state’s public program members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Cox".

Barbara Cox,
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