



March 17, 2022

To: Members of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee  
RE: HF3919 (Moller)

Dear Chair Schultz and Committee Members,

This Is Medicaid is a diverse, nonpartisan coalition of more than 50 advocacy, direct service, and faith-based member organizations from across Minnesota partnering to protect and improve Medicaid. We write to express support for HF3919 to increase access to Life Sharing through stakeholder engagement and development of recommendations for a new medical assistance waiver service.

A value of This Is Medicaid is that we believe Minnesotans should be able to get the health care they need, when and where they need it. Convening stakeholders to thoroughly discuss existing barriers to Life Sharing and identify specific solutions will increase access to this service. A statewide service and reimbursement model will also foster a sustainable, high-quality service that achieves person-centered and community-based support for Minnesotans with disabilities.

As committee members are aware, Minnesota is facing extremely difficult workforce challenges in the home and community-based service sector that are creating significant barriers for people to access the supports needed to fully support their health and well-being. HF3919 is an innovative solution that can positively address workforce shortages while expanding access and strengthening home and community-based services and supports for Minnesotans.

Thank you for the opportunity to express This Is Medicaid's support of HF3919. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at [thisismedicaid@gmail.com](mailto:thisismedicaid@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

This Is Medicaid

*This Is Medicaid* is a diverse coalition of nonpartisan organizations from across Minnesota partnering to strengthen and protect Medicaid. Our member organizations advocate for or directly serve people who receive health care and supports through Medicaid, called Medical Assistance in Minnesota.

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