



March 22, 2022

Dear Chair Liebling and Committee Members,

The Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) supports HF4472 regarding the dental home pilot project, introduced by Representative Liz Reyer. Throughout the last year, the MDA participated in the Dental Home Advisory Committee under the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The report published by the committee, defined the core components of a dental home and provided recommendations for a dental home pilot, as outlined in HF4472.

The MDA supports the creation of the Dental Home Pilot Project as a potential method for improving oral health outcomes. Throughout the process, the MDA has advocated for the inclusion of all provider types and are glad to see that guidance included in the bill. With locations in every community, private practice dentists have an important part to play in expanding access across the state. To be inclusive of provider types that are currently not equipped to serve the unique needs of medical assistance patients, the MDA would request that grant amounts reflect the additional investments that would be necessary for all provider types to fully participate in a dental home model.

The MDA hopes that members support the dental home pilot project, with the inclusion of all practice types, to continue to make Minnesota smile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmelo Cinqueonce".

Carmelo Cinqueonce, MBA
Executive Director

The Minnesota Dental Association is a statewide professional membership organization representing Minnesota-licensed dentists and dental students, with a membership of over 3,000 dentists.