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Dear House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the more than 3100 members of the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians, we encourage you to support HF 210. HF 210 would 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 care. As one important option, LARC is a highly effective reversible contraception and has high levels of patient satisfaction. Many patients consider this and other contraceptive options in the post-partum stage and it can be a natural time for placement prior to leaving the hospital after delivery. The current lack of reimbursement creates a barrier for patients and a frustration for health care providers.

Thank you for considering support of HF210. We look forward to engaging with you and are appreciative of our shared commitment to the health of Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) promotes the specialty of family medicine in Minnesota and supports family physicians as they provide high quality, comprehensive and continuous medical care for patients of all ages.