

April 28, 2025

Subject: Request to Include Senate A-4 Amendment Language in HF2434

Dear Co-Chairs Noor and Schomacker,

There has been a significant and harmful change in language in HF2434 which contradicts the amendment's purpose.

Adopting the HF2434 language, as is, would result in a significant taxpayer increase as it will take away self-direction of waiver funds and force people to use expensive nursing service agencies.

My daughter, 27, has self-directed CAC (Community Alternative Care) waiver services. We have successfully self-directed skilled care in our home for over 18 years. **They are the only way to responsibly use taxpayer funds to provide skilled care in your home. People must be able to self-direct ALL care as they do now.**

REMOVE/MODIFY from HF2434 as it does not mention self-direction:

64.28 If any of the requirements outlined in paragraph (c) are no longer met following a person's annual reassessment under section 256B.0911, the commissioner must terminate the budget exception. Lead agencies must require documentation to ensure that **all home care nursing services authorized under this budget exception are used for home care nursing services and not used to fund nonhome care nursing services.**

I would be grateful if you would work with your colleagues and staff to **remove this restrictive clause from HF2434 and pass the original language in the A-4 amendment stemming from the Senate.**

Language from Senate File 3054 to Replicate in the House File 2434:

*The commissioner must develop **an individualized budget methodology exception to support access to self-directed home care nursing services.** Lead agencies must submit budget exception requests to the commissioner in a manner identified by the commissioner. Eligibility for the budget exception in this paragraph is limited to persons meeting all of the following criteria in the person's most recent assessment:*

Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing commitment to the dignity and inclusion of people with disabilities in Minnesota.

With appreciation,

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