

MinnesotaCare Public Option



All Minnesotans deserve affordable, high-quality health care, no exceptions. The MinnesotaCare public option builds upon a program that has served Minnesota well for nearly three decades and puts us on the path to truly affordable, truly high-quality health care for every Minnesotan.



An Affordable, Trusted Health Care Plan

A bipartisan initiative created in 1992, MinnesotaCare provides health care for low-income Minnesotans. Approximately 92,000 Minnesotans are currently enrolled in the program. It is funded through the federal government, the state provider tax, and premiums and co-pays from enrollees.



A Public Health Care Option

Many Minnesotans have high premiums, high deductibles, and narrow provider networks. The new MinnesotaCare public option allows more Minnesotans to take advantage of lower out-of-pocket costs and access to a strong network of providers. Premiums would follow a sliding, income-based scale.



A New Option for Small Employers

The MinnesotaCare public option allows small employers to offer MinnesotaCare coverage to their employees and contribute toward the full cost of their premiums, while benefiting from the larger group and affordable cost-sharing of MinnesotaCare.

