

March 20, 2018

RE: HF3722 and SF3611

To: Minnesota Legislator,

We, the 100+ undersigned Minnesota nonprofit organizations, oppose proposals House File 3722 and Senate File 3611, which would implement burdensome reporting requirements on Minnesotans receiving health coverage through Medical Assistance, Minnesota's Medicaid program.

Medical Assistance is a pillar of Minnesota's nation-leading system of care, providing access to health care for over a million Minnesotans. It supports rural economies, healthy communities, and the dignity of care for Minnesotans when we need it most.

Minnesotans value work, including Minnesotans who receive health care through Medical Assistance. However, the primary outcome of these new barriers will be fewer Minnesotans with health care, returning to the days of delayed treatment for illnesses and uncompensated care through emergency rooms.

Medicaid work requirements are costly, complex, bureaucratic, and will have unintended consequences for state and local government, health care providers, and Minnesotans receiving coverage from Medical Assistance in all corners of the state.

Minnesotans who receive health care through Medical Assistance often have significant obstacles to employment that are not erased by taking away their health care. Many people who have disabilities, mental illness, chronic conditions and substance use disorders face serious challenges clearing the hurdles to prove their exemption. Additionally, the majority of adults on Medical Assistance are working, and yet may still see their coverage terminated due to paperwork issues or other complications, beginning a spiral of missed care and work.

The cost, complexity, and unintended consequences of this proposal is not a fit for Minnesota. We respectfully ask that you join us in our opposition to House File 3722 and Senate File 3611, and ensure Minnesotans continue receiving access to the care they need.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Medical Association
AARP
Catholic Health Association
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Children's Minnesota
Allina Health
Rare Action Network of Minnesota
Living Well Disability Services
Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Minnesota Community Action Partnership
Minnesota Psychological Association
Volunteers of America of Minnesota and Wisconsin
The Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
NAMI Minnesota
The Arc Minnesota
Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
The Minnesota Elder Justice Center
Laura Baker Services Association

Parents In Community Action, Head Start
Hennepin Health
Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Family Service Rochester
Minnesota Budget Project
Clare Housing
RADIUS Health
Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs
Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance
American Heart Association
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family Services
Mental Health Minnesota
AspireMN
Hearth Connection
Children's Defense Fund – Minnesota
Minnesota AIDS Project
Brain Injury Resource Group
Guild Incorporated
Hunger Solutions Minnesota
SEIU Healthcare Minnesota
Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota
Minnesota Society for Clinical Social Work
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis
Legal Services Advocacy Project
 Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing
Alliance Housing Inc.
Family Tree Clinic
Whole Woman's Health of the Twin Cities
Hammer Residences, Inc.
Annex Teen Clinic
Neighbors, Inc.
Northwestern Mental Health Center
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Main Street Alliance
Hennepin County Medical Center
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
House of Charity, Inc
Ready Set Smile

Advocates for Reproductive Education
ARRM
Minnesota Health Care Safety Net Coalition
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
Minnesota Elder Justice Center
Hope House of St. Croix Valley
ISAIAH
HOPE Coalition
Minnesota Social Service Association
Community Involvement Programs
Portico Healthnet
African Community Senior Services
Touchstone Mental Health
Our Saviour's Community Services
Park Avenue Youth & Family Services
Minnesota Behavioral Health Network
Brain Injury Support Group
Minnesota Council on Disability
Minnesota Nurses Association
Health Access MN
Second Harvest Heartland
Outlook Health Services, Inc.
St. David's Center for Child and Family Development
True Thao Counseling Services
Listening House of St. Paul
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
Minnesota Family and Advocate Coalition
Northwestern Mental Health Center
Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers
People Serving People
Vail Place
Tubman
Minnesota Society for Clinical Social Work
All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church
TheShop - Brainerd Baxter Youth Center
Minnesota Head Start Association
Breaking Free
Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
Life-Work Planning Center