

March 26, 2018

RE: HF3722 and SF3611

To: Minnesota Legislator,

We, the 108 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,

A Minnesota Without Poverty
AARP
Advocates for Reproductive Education
African Community Senior Services
All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church
Alliance Housing Inc.
Allina Health
American Heart Association
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Annex Teen Clinic
Apple Tree Dental
ARRM

AspireMN
Brain Injury Resource Group
Brain Injury Support Group
Breaking Free
Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
Catholic Health Association
Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota
Children's Minnesota
Clare Housing
Community Action Center of Northfield, Inc
Community Involvement Programs
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
Family Service Rochester

Family Tree Clinic
Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless
Persons
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota
Guild Incorporated
Hammer Residences, Inc.
Health Access MN
Hearth Connection
Hennepin County Medical Center
Hennepin Health
HOPE Coalition
Hope Community, Inc
Hope House of St. Croix Valley
House of Charity, Inc
Hunger Solutions Minnesota
ISAIAH
Jewish Community Relations Council of
Minnesota and the Dakotas
Jewish Family and Children's Service of
Minneapolis
Land Stewardship Project
Laura Baker Services Association
Leading Age Minnesota
Legal Services Advocacy Project
Life-Work Planning Center
Listening House of St. Paul
Living Well Disability Services
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership
Main Street Alliance
Mental Health Minnesota
Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable
Housing
Minnesota AIDS Project
Minnesota Association of Community Health
Centers
Minnesota Association of Community Mental
Health Programs
Minnesota Behavioral Health Network
Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance
Minnesota Budget Project
Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of
Pediatrics
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
Minnesota Community Action Partnership
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Minnesota Council on Disability
Minnesota Elder Justice Center
Minnesota Family and Advocate Coalition
Minnesota Head Start Association
Minnesota Health Care Safety Net Coalition
Minnesota Hospital Association
Minnesota Licensed Practical Nurses
Association/AFSCME Local 105
Minnesota Medical Association
Minnesota Nurses Association
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol
Syndrome
Minnesota Psychiatric Society
Minnesota Psychological Association
Minnesota Social Service Association
Minnesota Society for Clinical Social Work
NAMI Minnesota
Neighbors, Inc.
Northwestern Mental Health Center
Our Saviour's Community Services
Outlook Health Services, Inc.
Parents In Community Action, Head Start
Park Avenue Youth & Family Services
People Serving People
Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota,
South Dakota
Portico Healthnet
RADIAS Health
Rare Action Network of Minnesota
Ready Set Smile
Second Harvest Heartland
SEIU Healthcare Minnesota
St. David's Center for Child and Family
Development
Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family Services
The Arc of Minnesota
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with
Disabilities
The Minnesota Elder Justice Center
TheShop - Brainerd Baxter Youth Center
Touchstone Mental Health
True Thao Counseling Services
UCare
Vail Place
Volunteers of America of Minnesota and
Wisconsin
Whole Woman's Health of the Twin Cities