

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM
(Submit one resolution per form and one subject per resolution)

The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the party supports and will promote during the next two years. This form must be completely filled out for a resolution to be considered.

Congressional District: Organizing Unit: Precinct:

Proposed by: _____
(Name) (City) Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: **[check one]**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Internet Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax & Budget Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or Party Issues |

Individuals at their precinct caucuses can submit resolutions. When a majority of the caucus adopts a resolution, it advances to the Organizing Unit convention for consideration to send to the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee. Resolutions having support from at least five Organizing Units drawn from at least two Congressional Districts may be selected for consideration at the State Convention (for inclusion in the DFL Ongoing Platform or Action Agenda).

RESOLUTION TITLE (limited to 5 words): Direct Payment - Public Programs - Health

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Be concise and use everyday language.)*

The State of Minnesota/Department of Human Services (DHS) terminate any existing contracts with private health insurance companies to manage or administer health coverage for persons on Minnesota Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, Children's Health Insurance Program, or other public programs that cover the health care needs of Minnesotans, upon expiration of current managed care organization contracts (MCO), and will not enter into any new MCO contracts. The State of Minnesota/Department of Human Services assume responsibility for administering health care coverage for persons on public programs and reimburse providers - including hospitals, clinics, clinicians, independent practitioners - directly for health care, i.e., "direct payment to providers".

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

The cost of administering health care under our current multi-payer system consumes 34% of total health spending - money that delivers no actual health care. Data exists to show that government agencies can administer public programs at significantly less cost than the 15-18% overhead and profit/reserve charged by the private insurance industry. Outsourcing administration of our public health insurance coverage programs creates an unnecessary, costly, and cumbersome burden for patients, providers, and Minnesota taxpayers. The private health insurance industry uses managed care business tactics, such as networks - facilities and providers, drug formularies, denials, pre-authorization requirements, utilization review (limited hospital stays), procedure site requirements, and the like, to preserve their financial returns, which generally disadvantage patients and providers, including small practices and small community/rural hospitals.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated