



Lobby Day

March 10, 2026

Talking Points



Patient-Centered Care (PCC) bill - SF 3612 (Marty)/HF 3476 (Liebling)

This bill would remove private insurer control of Minnesota's Medicaid and MinnesotaCare programs, restoring them to state control. These programs, which serve over 20 percent of Minnesotans, would return to simply paying clinicians and hospitals directly for services.

We need this because it would save about \$1 billion a year when Minnesota is expected to annually lose \$1-2 billion of Federal Medicaid funding for nine years due to last year's Federal reconciliation budget bill, HR1. This cost savings would come from removing the managed care organizations (MCOs) that over decades have never been shown to save money or improve care.

How will it help Minnesota? The savings from taking back control of the programs means the state can run these programs, that over a million people depend on for their health care, with no or lesser need to choose among 4 serious options: cutting payments to clinicians, hospitals, and nursing homes; cutting services currently covered, such as prescription drugs; making fewer people eligible for the programs; or raising taxes. It also means the state can fight any attempted fraud against the Medicaid program instead of relying on MCOs to run their own anti-fraud programs, whose results aren't shared with the state.

How will the state run these programs? The Department of Human Services (DHS) can run the program itself or can hire an Administrative Services Organization (ASO) to handle paying claims. The ASO would assume no risk, thus having no incentive to deny care. Primary care providers will be paid a fee for care coordination, which they would do better than the MCOs which are currently paid to do it. Also, the state will work with local groups to do outreach to people who are not getting care.

This bill is the best way to protect Medicaid and MinnesotaCare over the next decade.

Will you support the Patient-Centered Care bill?

**Minnesota Health Plan
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