

Principles of the Minnesota Health Plan Senate File 118 / House File 135

The following principles are written into the Minnesota Health Plan

In order to keep Minnesotans healthy and provide the best quality of health care, our health care system must:

- 1) Ensure all Minnesotans receive high quality health care, regardless of their income;
- 2) Not restrict, delay, or deny care or reduce the quality of care to hold down costs, but instead reduce costs through prevention, efficiency, and reduction of bureaucracy;
- 3) Cover all necessary care, including all coverage currently required by law, complete mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, dental care, long-term care, and home care services;
- 4) Allow patients to choose their own providers;
- 5) Be funded through premiums and other payments based on the person's ability to pay, so as not to deny full access to any Minnesotan;
- 6) Focus on preventive care and early intervention to improve the health of all Minnesotans and reduce costs from untreated illnesses and diseases;
- 7) Ensure an adequate number of qualified health care professionals and facilities to guarantee availability of, and timely access to quality care throughout the state;
- 8) Continue Minnesota's leadership in medical education, training, research, and technology; and
- 9) Provide adequate and timely payments to providers.

The Minnesota Health Plan is Endorsed by:

AFSCME Council 65
American College of Nurse Midwives- MN Chapter
Great Northern States Health Care Initiative
Greater Minnesota Health Care Coalition
Headwaters Foundation for Justice
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #110
Itasca Progressive Caucus
Lake Country Progressives
Land Stewardship Project
League of Women Voters- Minnesota
Mature Voices Minnesota
Metropolitan Independent Business Alliance
Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers
Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE)
Minnesota Citizens Organized Acting Together (COACT)
Minnesota DFL Progressive Caucus
Minnesota Farmer's Union
Minnesota Green Party

Minnesota Independent Field Staff & Clerical Assoc.
Minnesota Nurses Association
Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)
Minnesota School Employees Association
Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition
National Association of Social Workers- Minnesota
National Lawyers Guild
National Organization for Women- Minnesota (NOW)
Network of Spiritual Progressives
Older Women's League
Physicians for a National Health Program- Minnesota
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