

May 11, 2022

Chair Eric Pratt  
3219 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Mohamud Noor  
379 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Pratt, Chair Noor, and members of the Conference Committee on SF4091,

I am writing today to give our support as the Minnesota Optometric Association for HF1936 to be included in SF4091. Thank you for your continued work on this bill.

This bill is about transparency and fairness in provider contracts issued by insurance companies and access to care.

As most patients rely only on receiving health care from in network providers, being removed from an insurance panel suddenly can mean significant extra costs to patients to see the provider they know and trust. This can also have devastating consequences for a health care facility.

As health care providers, if we are suddenly dropped from an insurance panel, we will have a group of patients that may no longer have access to the provider they rely on. This will disrupt continuity of care.

A health care provider should also have the right to know why they are being terminated from an insurance panel and a proper structure should be in place for that provider to provide feedback on why that termination is unjust. This bill would create a fair system for providers to understand the reasons and access to a fair appeal. Health care providers would also no longer have to worry that an insurance company would terminate their contract without cause, allowing us to focus more on providing the exceptional level of care Minnesota providers are known for.

Thank you again and I urge you to support including HF1936 into SF4091.

Sincerely,



Dr. Katie Tancabel  
President



Dr. Randall Kemper  
Immediate Past President