

Oppose Consumer Driven Health Care Programs

Action Alert – House Committee Meeting February 2nd

Feb. 2nd 2005 10:15 am @ 10 State Office Building

House Committee: Health Policy and Finance

Chair: Fran Bradley (R-29B)

Consumer driven health care programs are not harmful if you earn enough money to cover the first \$1000 to \$5000 of your medical costs annually (different plans have different out of pocket limits). If instituted, they will leave the most vulnerable without the ability to afford basic medical treatment and discourage the use of preventative care. They would harm our current MinnesotaCare and Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association plans, which are some of the best in the nation.

Please contact committee members and your local legislators!

HF0135 (Knoblach – R – 15A) / [No senate companion]: Consumer-driven health plans encouraged and federal tax conforming changes provided. No additional authors at this time. **Referred to House Health Policy and Finance Committee**

HF0009 (Wilkin –R- 38A) / SF0099 (LeClaire – R): Consumer-driven health plan federal tax conformity provided. Referred to House Health Policy and Finance Committee. In the Senate, it was referred to the Tax Committee. Additional House Authors: Powell (R-40A); Cox (R-25B); Bradley (R-29B); Wardlow (R-38B); Severson (R-14A); Kohls (R-34A); Heidgerken (R-13A); Westrom (R-11A); Paulsen (R-42B); Charron (R-56A); Cybart (R-37A); Garofalo (R-36B); Demmer (R-29A); Klinzing (R-56B); Westerberg (R-51A); Erickson (R-16A); Magnus (R-22-A); Blaine (R-12B); Holberg (R-36A); Erhardt (R-41A); Sykora (R-33B); Nelson, P. (R-17B); Peppin (R-32A); Abeler (R-48B); Samuelson (R-50B); Dean (R-52B); Finstad (R-21B); Emmer (R-19B); Meslow (R-53B); Beard (R-35A); Simpson (R-10B); Gazelka (R-12A); Soderstrom (R-8B); Johnson, J. (R-43A). **Additional Senate authors:** LeClair (R-56); Fischbach (R-14); Nienow (R-17); Ortman (R-34); McGinn (R-38).

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1. House Health Policy and Finance

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/schedule.asp?comm=13>

2. Senate Tax Committee

<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committee/2005-2006/Tax/schedule.htm>

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- Show up early to get a seat in the hearing room. There will be an overflow room with the hearing on closed circuit TV, but people arriving early will be able to see the proceedings close-up and in-person.
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The most difficult rule to obey is that the audience is not allowed to sigh, laugh, groan, or make any verbal sounds. If you do not follow this rule, security will most likely ask you to leave, or if the audience is too loud, security may ask everyone to leave.



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