



REDUCING HEALTH CARE COSTS AND IMPROVING ACCESS

House DFLers are working to make health care more accessible and reduce the cost, including the cost of prescription drugs. We're also rebuilding our health care workforce, helping ensure Minnesotans can get care when and where they need it.

Reducing Health Care Costs

- Create a MinnesotaCare Buy-In option, with quality coverage and affordable premiums.
- Ban prescription drug price gouging and cap co-pays on insulin and other life-saving medications.
- Eliminate cost barriers for Minnesotans enrolled in public health programs.
- Enforce the federal prohibition on surprise medical billing.

Solutions for a Healthier

Minnesota

- Develop guidance for diagnosis, treatment, and care coordination for long COVID.
- Rebuild state and local public health infrastructure and support for Tribal Care providers.
- Eliminate lead in schools, child care centers, and homes.



Improving Opportunities for People with Disabilities

- Provide increases for people who help elderly and disabled Minnesotans live the way they choose.
- Fix the discriminatory MA “spend-down” limit for people with disabilities.
- Give better support to family members who care for loved ones with disabilities.

Rebuilding the Health Care

Workforce

- Create a new Workforce Incentive Fund to cover retention payments, education costs, transportation, and child care costs for those entering the caring professions workforce.
- Training direct care workers through the creation of the Direct Care Service Corps, and funding to help low-income elderly Minnesotans stay in their homes.
- Support for behavioral health, mental health, and community health workers, including grants, scholarships, and technical assistance.
- Enact the Keep Nurses at the Bedside Act to ensure hospitals have core staffing plans and patients receive high standards of care.

Support for Economic Security

- Deliver more help for Minnesota families and individuals in deep poverty.
- Increase General Assistance for the first time since 1986 and expand eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- Provide food support grants and improve access to community food security programs.
- Fund emergency shelter facilities and services, the Homeless Youth Act, Safe Harbor for sexually exploited youth, and transitional housing.

