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Senate

Dear Governor Walz,

I am writing regarding the recent announcement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) deferring approximately \$259 million in federal Medicaid payments to Minnesota, pending submission of a comprehensive corrective action plan to address program integrity and fraud issues.

The day after this announcement, you released a package of anti-fraud proposals for the legislative session. Your public statements through the media have expressed concerns about the federal action, including questions about its intent and impact.

To support the Legislature's work this session, lawmakers need a clear understanding of the state's official position and planned response. Specifically, I respectfully request a copy of Minnesota's formal submission or response to CMS (including any proposed corrective action plan), as well as details on how this plan has been or will be directed to relevant state agencies for implementation.

This information is important because agencies serve as the frontline for carrying out both federal requirements and state policies. Without visibility into the official plan, it is challenging for the Legislature to develop complementary legislation that addresses gaps, strengthens oversight, and aligns with the state's overall approach to fraud prevention and program integrity.

A strong, collaborative partnership between the executive and legislative branches is essential to holistically tackle the ongoing fraud challenges, safeguard taxpayer dollars, preserve essential social services, support vulnerable Minnesotans who rely on them, and ensure honest providers can continue delivering care without disruption.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of the official response and related details as soon as possible to inform our ongoing efforts.

I look forward to working together to deliver meaningful solutions for Minnesota families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Draheim".

Senator Rich Draheim
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