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Dear Senator Lourey, Senator Rosen, Representative Huntley, and Representative Abeler,

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 62V.11, subdivision 4, you will find attached to this letter MNsure's proposed budget for calendar year 2015. The proposed budget is consumer-focused, making needed investments in technology and customer service operations in advance of the 2015 open enrollment period.

This budget does not seek additional funds from the Minnesota Legislature or the federal government. Instead, we expect to seek approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to carry over \$5 million in available federal funds to calendar year 2015. Finally, this is a preliminary budget based on 5 months of actual enrollment experience. In accordance with MNsure by-laws, the final 2015 budget will be submitted to the MNsure Board in October 2014.

This budget uses funds available from the premium withhold, 2013-2014 federal grant balances and cost allocation and reprioritizes these funds in key areas, focused on technology enhancements and customer service. Reductions in business areas reflect recent utilization and cost experience. For instance, the proposed 2015 budget reflects revised estimates of areas affected by lower utilization such as appeals, premium processing, printing of notices and navigator payments. Note this budget still funds improvements to navigator training and support activities and expects the rate of navigator assisted enrollments to significantly increase.

This is a conservative budget that assumes a zero percent growth in premium rates and a growth of 95,000 in year over year enrollment.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Scott Leitz
Interim CEO

Cc: MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee

