

Hi Patty,

I have been a nurse in Public Health and Home care for over 30 years. In that period of time, I have worked with a multitude of individuals and families that have used Medicaid and received services from us. I also know that these individuals also seek their health care not only locally but in neighboring Minnesota and Wisconsin. This modernization has been hurried along too fast and without regard for the persons that are being served. This is to be taking effect in one month and most providers don't know how they will be reimbursed and what they can provide. Clients don't know anything about the companies to sign up with, as very vague information is being provided. Is their provider going to be covered by Medicaid if they seek medical attention? There are way too many questions present and no concrete answers being provided. As a nurse, it is hard enough for me to understand. You are expecting individuals with disabilities, seniors, and pregnant mothers to understand something that is absolutely clear as MUD! Please take time to delay the start of this program until answers can be found and people know more of what and who they should be working with. I am also guardian for a mentally challenged individual who needs his speciality MD to remain healthy and functioning. They are based out of state, are we going to have to find a whole new network? Change is not something that most of these persons accept. Don't give them another stressor in their already compromised life.

It is time to look out for the constituents and do the right thing. Slow this process and reevaluate where you are going.

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