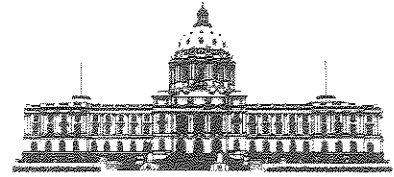


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Mr. Jason Eberstein
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Dear Mr. Eberstein:

Thank you so much for your recent inquiry regarding the April 29th article in the Minnesota Star Tribune.

You are correct – the Minnesota Council of Health Plans has persuaded all of its member companies to create a medical policy offering amino acid-based elemental formula coverage consistent with the language in Senate File 504 (attached). Accordingly, five companies have transmitted letters (attached) to me that they will be implementing new policies with out delay.

The medical policies determining coverage will be developed by the individual insurers and will likely include new coverage for IgE mediated allergies to food proteins, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, eosinophilic disorders, and others.

As medical policies are developed policy specific details can be obtained directly from the participating companies which include: BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota/ Blue Plus, First Plan of Minnesota, HealthPartners, Medica, PreferredOne, and Sanford Health Plan.

I hope you find this information helpful. If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Torres Ray".

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