

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

We write today to express our concern regarding the continued fraud that your administration has allowed to permeate across the state. The widespread fraud, waste, and abuse within the Medicaid program administered by the State of Minnesota has remained unchecked. These repeated failures not only undermine public trust but also burden American taxpayers at a time when fiscal responsibility is more critical than ever.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has lost faith in Minnesota's ability to administer federal Medicaid dollars, resulting in CMS temporarily suspending \$259 million in quarterly Medicaid dollars to the state, which will resume once Minnesota delivers an updated correction action plan (CAP) to CMS. This follows an audit, which was conducted during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2025. The audit found \$234.8 million in unsupported or possibly fraudulent Medicaid claims and \$15.4 million in claims involving individuals lacking a satisfactory immigration status.¹

CMS has been trying to work with your administration since July of 2025 to get Minnesota back in compliance with federal statutes. The CAP Minnesota sent to CMS on December 31, 2025, was deemed insufficient as the plan relies heavily on temporary or future-contingent measures, lacks enforceable timelines and performance metrics, acknowledges current noncompliance with key federal requirements, and provides limited assurance of accountability for past misconduct.²

We are disappointed in the state's inability to course correct, which has led to CMS's withholding of federal matching dollars. These findings are deeply troubling but sadly not surprising given the lack of oversight and accountability your office has shown in being a steward of taxpayer dollars. At the same time, taxpayers must have confidence that these dollars are getting to the Minnesotans who depend on them – not being stolen by fraudsters due to your mismanagement.

Minnesota has now become a national case study in failed program oversight and misused public funds. As Members of Congress, we are working diligently to restore fiscal order at the federal level, but that effort requires strong partners in state governments – partners who are equally committed to rooting out fraud, waste, and abuse, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are respected.

As elected officials called to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, fiscal discipline, program integrity, and public trust must be restored – starting now. We urge you to comply with CMS's instructions and work with us to bring Minnesota back in compliance with federal regulations. Minnesotans would give the shirt off their back to help a neighbor in need. Once Minnesota follows CMS's guidance and complies with

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-prioritizes-affordability-announcing-major-crackdown-health-care-fraud>

² https://kstp.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CMS-FILE_6607.pdf.pdf

federal regulations, the funding will be restored. The people of Minnesota deserve nothing less and your partisan posturing is hurting our state.

Sincerely,



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