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Honorable Rod Moen
Chair, Senate Committee on Health,
Utilities & Veterans & Military Affairs
Room 15 South, State Capitol

RE: Clearinghouse Rule 99-004

Dear Senator Moen:

I am requesting a 30-day extension for committee review of Clearinghouse Rule 99-004, relating to operation of the Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP).

A recently completed audit of the HIRSP raised significant concerns about program oversight, "including financial and management reporting; monitoring of claim liabilities; and cash management." The transfer of the HIRSP from the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), coupled with significant statutory changes to plan funding, have created confusion and escalating administration costs.

In fairness to the policyholders, the committee should conduct a public hearing on the Clearinghouse Rule that increases the premium cost by over 10% for supplemental coverage for persons eligible for Medicare.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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