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To Senator Sullivan:

This bill is in preliminary form, to provide you with ample opportunity to review it prior to introduction, and because numerous issues arose in drafting. I have interspersed statutory provisions in the bill with \*\*\*\*NOTES where particular issues need clarification.

Please let me know if I may provide you with further assistance concerning this draft.

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The Minnesota law requires a "health plan company" to provide enrollees, upon request, with information about how much the company would expect to reimburse a provider "within the network" for a specified health care service. I'm not sure what is comparable to a "health plan company" in Wisconsin. However, I have imposed the requirement on all insurers, which would include both defined network plans and indemnity insurers that pay any provider on a fee-for-service basis. I have not limited the requirement to payments to providers "within the network."

Depending on its arrangement with the providers in its network, a defined network plan, such as an HMO, might not be able to specify how much it will reimburse a provider for a service. The provider may receive a salary and not be paid by each service provided.

Do you want to specify that an insurer must provide this information at no charge?

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