STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

MARK DAYTON

GOVERNOR

Executive Order 11-01

Directing Early Enrollment in Medical Assistance

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("the Act"), Pub. L. No. 111-148, was signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010, and has been amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and

Whereas, section 2001 of the Act establishes an optional new eligibility group for states to receive federal Medical Assistance payments to provide health care to the lowest income adults; and

Whereas, there is already a significant cost to the state of providing health care to this population without the federal Medical Assistance matching payments; and

Whereas, the population served by expanded Medical Assistance will include nearly 95,000 struggling Minnesotans who desperately need better quality care and would start receiving high-quality health care coverage once this program is implemented, while saving an estimated 20,000 health care sector jobs; and

Whereas, the State stands to loose between $30 and $40 million per month in federal payments if implementation is delayed; and

Whereas, the Legislature has already appropriated $188 million to implement the program; and

Whereas, the State will collect approximately $1.2 billion from the federal government, a better than 6-to-1 return on the state's investment; and

Whereas, Laws of Minnesota 2010, First Special Session, chapter 1, article 16, section 48, provides that, from the start of my term until January 15, 2011, I may by executive order direct the Commissioner of Human Services to implement sections 5 to 7 and 20 of article 16; and

Whereas, I have considered the cost of implementation and the availability of funds in the state treasury, the potential for increased federal funding, the effect of implementation on access to health care services in the state, and alternative approaches that may be available to pursue policy goals; and

Whereas, the State Medicaid Director on May 8, 2010, indicated that it would take 45 days after enactment to begin the initial implementation of expanded Medical Assistance;

Now, Therefore, I hereby direct the Commissioner of Human Services to implement Laws of Minnesota 2010, First Special Session, chapter 1, article 16, sections 5 to 7 and 20, providing for early enrollment in Medical Assistance, with implementation to begin no later than March 1, 2011.

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Executive Order is effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand this 5th day of January 2011.

Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

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