



# Governor Mark Dayton Building a Better Minnesota

## HEALTH

Minnesotans are Healthy

The health of Minnesotans is essential to a high quality of life in Minnesota. Governor Dayton seeks policies across all issue areas that improve the health of communities across our state. By increasing access to high quality, affordable health insurance and promoting strong community health programs, we can improve our quality of life and help lower the cost of health care for all Minnesotans.



### In the Spotlight Reducing Diesel Exhaust Inhaled by School Kids

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has worked to reduce diesel emissions in school buses, snowplows, fire trucks, and other large vehicles. Emissions retrofits on school buses alone have improved air quality for nearly 85,500 kids in 91 school districts statewide.

In 2012, MPCA focused on reducing diesel emissions in long-haul semi trucks. At current fuel prices, retrofits made to 282 vehicle engines, and reduced idling on 155 trucks, will save trucking companies \$600,000 each year in fuel costs. Health benefits derived from these emissions reductions are estimated to total \$123.5 million.

## Delivering Results

- **Expanding Health Coverage for Children and Adults.** Provided coverage for 86,000 low-income Minnesotans and 16,000 children.
- **Providing Quality, Affordable Coverage.** Secured \$70 million in federal funds to design a new online marketplace for health insurance that will help 1.2 million Minnesotans save \$1 billion on health insurance.
- **Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care.** Began a new Health Care Delivery System model for 150,000 Minnesotans that pay providers to keep people healthy, not just treat them when they are sick.
- **Giving Kids Healthy Foods.** Ensured that more than 570,000 students will enjoy more fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean protein in their school lunches each year, reducing obesity and health care costs.
- **Providing Free Cancer Screenings for Women.** Screened 35,977 women for cervical and breast cancer, of whom 65% were uninsured; 331 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 12 with cervical cancer.
- **Keeping Minnesotans Healthy with High Quality, Preventive Care.** Certified 200 health care homes (a new preventive model that improves quality of care and reduces costs) serving 2 million Minnesotans.
- **Helping Minnesotans Adopt Healthy Lifestyles.** Worked to stem the leading causes of chronic illness – unhealthy eating, physical inactivity, and tobacco use; 870 employers started worksite wellness programs serving 138,000 employees, provided healthier foods for 26% of K-12 kids, improved the safety of walking and biking routes for 14% of all K-8 schools.
- **Feeding Hungry Minnesotans.** Provided nutritious food to 111,000 more Minnesotans and expanded the use of food support to farmers markets. Every \$1 spent on food support generates \$1.73 in economic activity.
- **Keeping Our Food Safe.** Received a \$600,000 federal grant to help the state more quickly trace contaminated foods to grocery stores and ensure that all recalled products are quickly and fully removed from the shelves.
- **Preventing Military Suicides.** Knowing any suicide is a tragedy, worked to support and build resiliency among Minnesota soldiers and airmen, reducing the incidence of suicide to two in 2012, down from six in 2011.