



**Sowers of Justice**

Catholic Legislative Network

**Action  
Alert**

**Call Your Legislator and Tell Them  
You Do Not Want the Governor to  
Cut Health and Human Services**

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**Background:**

On Tuesday, May 8th, the Governor vetoed the Health and Human Services bill:

- The Governor's veto cut 30-40,000 kids and a similar number of adults from health insurance;
- The Governor's veto keeps children and parents in poverty and in deep poverty;
- The Governor's veto lengthened waiting lists for disability and child care services.

Now the Legislature must figure out how to respond to the Governor's veto. Your state representative and state senator will be deciding how to find revenue and/or where to cut money out of existing bills.

The Legislature took a strong position in its first health and human services bill expanding health care insurance to more than 70,000 currently uninsured children and low-wage working Minnesotans; it rebuilt an effective welfare-to-work program to stem Minnesota's rising poverty rate and to avoid losing federal funds; it reformed the mental health service system; and it acted on a promise that community-based services will more available to the disabled.

**Status:**

**If legislators do not hear from us about the health and human services bill, history tells us it will be the first place they look for cuts. And they will continue the practice of using the welfare to work block grant to plug other holes in the budget. It's time to reverse the trend of more uninsured, more poverty, and longer waiting lists for child care and disability services.**

**ACTION**

**Call your state representative and state senator today. (If you do not know who your legislators are or need their contact information, go to <http://geo.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/districts/start.html>)**

**MESSAGE**

**Don't let the Governor cut people off health care and increase poverty in our state by cutting funding to the Health and Human Services Bill.**

**FYI—Call Kathy Tomlin, 651-291-4537**