Support H.F. 1122/S.F. 628 to establish a new reimbursement tier for home care nursing provided by highly skilled and specialized nurses to high acuity, medically complex children in their homes.

**WHY?**

- Current reimbursement rates do not allow providers like PHS to provide pay that is competitive with the hospitals, leading to high nursing turnover.
- Current rates undervalue home care nurses which adds to a shortage – keeping children in the hospital longer, driving up costs, and limiting options for better care and quality of life at home.

**HOW?**

- Create a third tier that will increase reimbursement so that home care nurses – who have the same skills and extensive training – are paid the same as hospital nurses.
- Passing new legislation will help home care providers like PHS ensure stable staffing so Minnesota children and their families can access well-managed, high-quality, cost-effective care at home.

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Let’s work together for sensible legislation so kids can continue to thrive at home, where their care is better managed and more cost effective.
The majority of PHS patients (85% in April/June 2013) are designated as high acuity, which means they require care that demands advanced skills and experience. Depending on the acuity of each patient, the estimated cost can be as high as $5,800 per day in the hospital just for the room vs. $1,000 per day to receive care in the home. Based on the acuity of each patient, the estimated cost can be as high as $5,800 per day in the hospital just for the room vs. $1,000 per day to receive care in the home.

Reimbursement structures for home care nurses haven’t changed much in 20 years – and do not reflect the training and skills required to care for these complex patients being cared for in the home.

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