

Be it resolved that the DFL party...

Health & Human Services

55. supports passing paid family & medical leave and universal child care, with no family's child care expenses exceeding 7% of their income and early childhood educators and care providers paid a living wage. (20)
56. supports steps to eliminate current abortion restrictions in the state in order to ensure that every Minnesotan has unrestricted access to the full spectrum of pregnancy care, including eliminating political interference with decisions by private health insurance companies to offer coverage for abortion care and removing laws that impose arbitrary and medically unnecessary restrictions on women accessing family planning services (8)
57. calls on state and federal officials to ensure that every Minnesotan should have access to safe, legal abortion services. (5)
58. supports the proposed Minnesota Health Plan on the state level. (5)
59. affirms that terminally ill adults should have access to a full range of end-of-life options including medical aid in dying so that mentally capable Minnesotans are free to make end-of-life decisions that are best for them and their families. (4)
60. asks legislators at the state and federal level to support, promote, and pass legislation that penalizes pharmaceutical manufacturers, benefit managers, and distributors for unwarranted drug price increases (gouging), limits use of regulatory actions including secondary patents that prevent competition that could hold down prices, criminalizes "under the table" actions that delay market entrance of generic equivalents, and encourages new competition in the pharmaceutical marketplace. (3)
61. supports legislation that requires state-regulated health insurance plans to cover all FDA-approved contraceptive medications and devices, as well as patient education counseling, at no cost to patients (2)
62. urges the Minnesota legislature to mandate a minimum wage for personal care assistants, increase reimbursement rates for elderly waivers and other state assistance programs; to mandate adequate staffing ratios for each care level at long-term care facilities; to oppose any attempt to reduce or eliminate existing laws that protect the rights of elders and vulnerable adults; to protect regulatory oversight of long-term care facilities; to increase penalties for substantiated abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and to increase funding for regulatory oversight and enforcement by the state regulatory agencies and the Minnesota Attorney General. (2)
63. urges the DFL Congressional delegation to support legislation for: capping Medicare out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs at \$2,000; creating routine hearing, vision, and dental benefits under Medicare; protecting Medicare and Medicaid from benefit cuts by making it difficult for the Senate to increase the Medicare legal age, privatize Medicare, reduce Medicaid funding through block grants or per capita caps, or eliminate the ACA Medicaid expansion through budget reconciliation legislation; and covering hearing exams and hearing aids. (2)
64. prioritizes solutions to our housing crisis including dramatically expanding resources for affordable homes, rental and homeownership, including protecting public housing and preserving what is affordable today; protecting the rights of renters, balanced with the rights of property owners; preventing displacement and providing stability with adequate shelter, emergency services, and housing supports for the needs of all Minnesotans. (2)
65. urges the legislature to dedicate at least 15% of tobacco settlement dollars to youth tobacco / vaping prevention.
66. opposes government interference in access to transgender minors to transition-related healthcare.
67. supports the Quality Patient Care Act legislation that would require a minimum standard of safe Registered Nurse to patient staffing to protect patient safety.
68. asks its federal delegation to fully fund the Social Security program by adjusting the FICA tax and elevating the FICA wage cap. Further, the annual benefit adjustment should more accurately reflect the living and medical expenses.
69. urges that health care cost reduction policies must include provisions to lower curative and rehabilitative care costs in addition to administrative and pharmaceutical costs.
70. supports the proposed Decrease Sugar-Sweetened Beverages in Children's Meals bill as one step toward a more equitable and healthy Minnesota.
71. supports expanding MinnesotaCare buy-in as one step toward a more equitable and healthy Minnesota.