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Catholic Legislative Network

**Action
Alert**

**Ask Governor Pawlenty to
Sign the Health & Human
Services Omnibus Bill!**

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Background:

State funding for Health & Human Services has been severely cut in Minnesota since 2002. Our standing as a national leader on poverty reduction has been shaken as tax cuts and budget priorities have shifted our focus away from proven anti-poverty initiatives.

The House and Senate have just agreed on a Health & Human Services Omnibus bill that addresses important challenges facing the state in a fair and affordable way.

The bill would:

- Provide health insurance coverage to more than 70,000 uninsured Minnesotans
- Restore supports that help low-wage families move from poverty to self-sufficiency
- Incorporate the Governor's proposals on health and mental health reform

Now it's up to the Governor to sign the bill. The House and Senate have made numerous compromises to address concerns raised by the Governor; nevertheless, the Governor may still veto the bill because it invests more than his budget proposal.

Take Action Immediately

Call Governor Pawlenty at 651-296-3391 or e-mail him at tim.pawlenty@state.mn.us and ask him to sign the Health and Human Services bill in its entirety.

Ask him to invest in Minnesota by supporting welfare reform, increased health coverage and extra funding for housing and homelessness for our most vulnerable community members.

Please call today!

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