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Dear Representative Thao and Senator Ray:

I am Medical Director for Integrated Health Management and Medical policy at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. In this position, I oversee development of coverage policies for our 2.7 million members in Minnesota and nationally.

For the past six months we have been researching the issue of coverage for a category of nutrition variously classified as medical foods, special formulas and exempt infant formulas.

This is to inform you that Blue Cross Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota has decided to modify its medical policy consistent with the language in SF504/HF529 as amended. To do this, we need to change some wording in our member contracts and finalize our medical policy relating to these products. We will need to get the language in our member contracts approved by our regulators, the Minnesota Department of Health and Commerce.

If you have questions regarding this, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith E. Folkert MD".

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