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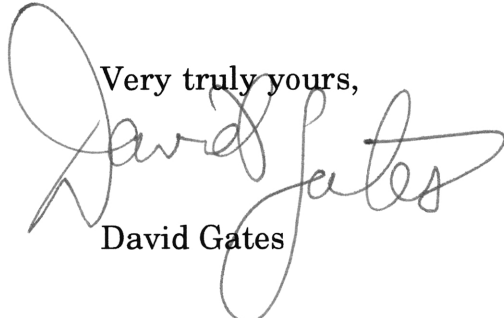
Dear Rep. Trich,

Enclosed are two pieces of information I thought you might find useful. First is a press summary of the Minnesota Health Care Commission's preliminary plan for cost containment. It contains some interesting ideas.

The second piece relates to your single claim form bill, HB 2773. As you can see from the enclosed Federal Register announcement, HCFA is planning to develop a single claim form to be used by all States in their Medical Assistance programs, at least for outpatient services (States now have the option of using their own MA claim form which PA does). This new form will be based on the HCFA 1500. However, the projected date for implementing this HCFA uniform claim form is not until January 1, 1995 (see p. 47589). Furthermore, the election of a new President may change all of this.

I still believe HB 2773 serves a valuable function and section 6 in your bill address the situation if and when the feds come up with a national uniform claim form. I just wanted you to be aware of this new development.

Very truly yours,



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