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April 25, 2012

Jim Nobles  
Office of the Legislative Auditor  
Room 140  
658 Cedar St.  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1603

Dear Mr. Nobles,

As part of my ongoing investigation into the financing of the state of Minnesota's payment mechanism for Medicaid Managed Care companies, I am writing to you seeking clarification that will assist in my investigation.

On April 10, 2012, you wrote to State Senator Sean Nienow outlining the Office of Legislative Auditor's (OLA) involvement with UCare's \$30 million payment to the State of Minnesota. In this letter you question the candor of the Department of Human Services with OLA. Further, you suggest that a July 1, 2011, letter from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to the Department of Human Services was withheld from you. It appears that the same letter was withheld from the Department of Human Services' initial release of documents to my office.

As my investigation is predicated on the openness and accuracy of information provided, determining whether the Department of Human Services is being open and forthcoming is of paramount concern. As such, please provide copies of all correspondence between your office and the Department of Human Services, the Office of the Governor, and Members of the State Legislature and their staff regarding the UCare donation, including emails.

Thank you for your prompt attention and response to the questions raised in this inquiry. Please provide responses to the questions no later than May 9, 2012. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Erika Smith on my staff at 202-224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary