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Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Established	HF5 (Atkins)	Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy To pass as amended and re-refer to Government Operations To pass as amended and re-refer to Civil Law To pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Human Services Policy Committee report, to pass as amended and re-refer to State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs to pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance to pass as amended and re-refer to <u>Ways and Means</u> Committee report, to pass as amended House rule 1.22, notice of intent to place on Fiscal Calendar Monday, March 4, 2013	SF1/(Lourey)	Referred to State and Local Government To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary To pass as amended and re-refer to Commerce To pass as amended and re-refer to Health, Human Services and Housing To pass as amended and re-refer to Taxes Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance To pass as amended and re-refer to Rules and Administration Comm report: To pass as amended	

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Medical Assistance eligibility expanded	HF9 (Huntly)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy To pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance To pass as amended and re-refer to Ways and Means House rule 1.21, placed on Calendar for the Day Monday, February 11, 2013 pg. 173 Bill Passed Returned from Senate Bill Passed and sent to Senate 122-0 Effective date January 1, 2014	SF5/(Sheran)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing HF substituted on General Orders HF9 Special Order: Rule 45 amendment stricken Third reading Passed Received from House Governor's action Approval 02/19/13 Secretary of State Chapter 1 02/19/13	
Minimum Wage Increase	HF10/(Mullery)	Referred to Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries	SF3/(Eaton)	Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development	
Northern Minnesota Veterans Home established (Bemidji)	HF11/(Persell)	Referred to State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs	SF14/ (Saxhaug)	Referred to Finance	Likely to pass this year. Track for L.R.
Rent percentage for property taxes increase	HF24/ (Mullery)	Referred to Taxes			This bill changes the formula to be used in the Certificate of Rent paid It re-defines the "Rent constituting property taxes" as 19 percent of the gross rent paid – This is an increase of 2% from previous percent of gross rent paid

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Provisions for Guardianship modification	HF40/ (Hilstrom)	Referred to Civil Law to pass and re-refer to Public Safety Finance and Policy To pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance	SF77/(Latz)	Referred to Judiciary Withdrawn and re-referred to Health, Human Services and Housing To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary	Tightens qualifications for guardians and conservators, including background studies every two years (currently five years) across a variety of data sources (not just criminal checks). Intended to address some widely known problems in current system. Track for Legislative Report.
Criminal History for Employment	HF50/(Mullery)	Referred to Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries			This bill is suggesting a prohibition against checking the criminal history before a person has been selected for an interview. However, our members are in the group that falls under employers that have a statutory duty to do criminal background checks Tracking this bill to ensure ability to answer members' questions about their ability to do background checks on employees.
Minnesota Health Plan (Universal)	HF76/(Laine)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF18/(Marty)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Veterans Nursing Home (Rochester)			SF20/(Senjem)	Referred to Finance	Not Likely to Pass

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Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults	HF90/(Hilstrom)	Referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary Finance and Policy Committee report, to pass House rule 1.21, placed on Calendar for the Day Comm report: Subst. for SF on General Orders SF187 pg. 380	SF187/(Goodwin)	Referred to Judiciary Referred to Rules and Administration Comm report: To pass as amended HF substituted on General Orders HF90	Provides for aggregation of amounts in charging financial exploitation and clarifies venue issues. Support this bill.
Minimum Wage	HF92/(Nelson)	Referred to Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries	SF3/(Eaton)	Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development	
New veterans nursing home in Brainerd	HF109/(Ward)	Referred to State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs	SF126/(Ruud)	Referred to Finance	Track for L.R.
SNF Property Rate increase (McLeod County)	HF119/(Gruenhagen)	Referred to Health and Human Services Finance			This bill will allow Glencoe Health Services to receive a property increase from unused moratorium funding. Should help and try to get this through
SNF Property Rate Increase (Otter Tail County)	HF139/(Norns)	Referred to Health and Human Services Finance	SF68/(Ingebrigtsen)	Referred to Finance	This bill that would give metro operating rates to the two care centers in Fergus Falls We are typically neutral on bills that are this specific

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Patient Record Copying Costs			SF44/(Goodwin)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	This bill will drastically lower the cost for patients and records to get copies of their medical records for purposes of suing the providers. A perennial bill that MHA has always opposed. At about \$1.60 per page, people think twice about getting their records; at \$0.10 a page, why not?
Dental Services Expanded for the Disabled	HF176/(Norton)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			Adds covered MA services for disabled adults. May benefit some AL clients. Track for L.R.
Critical Access Requirements for Dental Services Modification			SF123/(Lourey)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	Adds private practice dentists to the critical access category if they meet certain criteria. Track for Legislative Report. We support this bill because it has the potential to increase the availability of dental services for MA recipients in rural areas.
Tobacco Uniformity Act of 2013			SF135/(Nelson)	Referred to Taxes	Defines a cigarette and calls for a study of tobacco taxes. Electronic cigarettes would be outside the definition. Track for L.R.
Medical assistance (MA) benefit plan cost-sharing co-payment waiver (Hennepin County)	HF213/(Loeffler)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF147/(Hayden)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
SNF Rate Equalization Fade Out			SF148/(Brown)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	

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MA assets transfer prohibition exception clarification			SF155/(Dibble)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	Bill would not consider the contributions to certain pooled trusts as assets for purposes of MA eligibility. Neutral, but track for Legislative Report.
ICF Moratorium (Nicollet and Cottonwood)			SF159/(Sheran)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Licensed Dietitian/Nutrition Guidelines	HF195/(Loeffler)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF 431/ Eaton	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	Allowing Dietitians and Nutritionist do what other professionals are allowed to do. Support, but not huge concern for our members
Nursing Personal Staffing	HF200/(Fritz)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			Applies only to Medical Clinics, not our issue but does show a poorly conceived and unhelpful approach
Level 1 Trauma Care exempt from rate reduction	HF204/(Schoen)	Referred to Health and Human Services Finance			Exempts the Level One Trauma centers from a cut of up to 10% based on readmissions rates. Not sure if this is a priority because it only includes hospitals and not the Long Term Care Population
Minnesota Care as Basic Health plan			SF184/(Lourey)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	Under ACA this makes MinnesotaCare the Basic Healthcare plan. This bill has some impacts on the state budget and potential on member employee health insurance. So far they still need federal support for this
Absentee Ballot Voting Eligibility	HF193/(Simon)	Referred to Elections			

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Improving Access to HealthCare delivered by nurses	HF435/(Schoen)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			This is a bill to remove barriers and would allow APRNs to practice to the top of their license. Passage of this bill would be helpful in meeting the needs of the older adult population served in SNF, Home Care, Hospice etc. Track for L.R.
Minimum Wage	HF599/Winkler	Referred to Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries			
Medical Records/privacy	HF523/(Kahn)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			
Money for a new Vets Home (Brainerd)	HF460/Ward	Referred to State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs	SF438/Ruud	Referred to Finance	
Extending Reporting Requirements for HCBS Waivers	HF484/(Newton)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF349/Hoffman	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	This bill would continue the requirement that DHS provide an annual report on county and state use of available resources for the HCBS waiver for persons with developmental disabilities. This report requirement was scheduled to sunset on 1/1/13. Track for L.R.
Nursing Staffing Standards	HF588/(Atkins)	Referred to Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries To pass as amended and re-refer to Government Operations	SF471/(Hayden)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Rate reductions for congregate settings	HF524/(Fischer)	Referred to Health and Human Services Finance			This bill exempts corporate foster care homes from the 10 % reduction in rates for those foster care homes that obtain a DHS mental health certification. Track for L.R.

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PCA Modified	HF564/(Abeler)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			This is a bill that is focused on making each recipient construct a current PCA care plan developed with a qualified professional, the recipient and a responsible party. Most of the plan details are basic demographics, contact details, emergency planning, and description of individualized needs. Thus, the bill is aimed at the PCA provider agencies.
Landlord/Tenant	HF565/(Abeler)	Referred to Housing Finance and Policy Committee report, to pass and re-refer to Civil Law			Termination of a lease for an individual under the age of 26. Does not apply to members but track for L.R.
Continuing care bill	HF767/Morgan	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF459/(Eken)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary	
Nurse Licensure Compact	HF429/Norton	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			
Taxation on property and lay payments	HF451/Kresha	Referred to Taxes Referred by Chair to Property and Local Tax Division			

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Workers Comp	HF504/Metsa	Referred to Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy			
Notice to quit or pay prior to filing an eviction action created.	HF300/(Clark)	Referred to Housing Finance and Policy To pass and re-refer to Civil Law			This bill requires landlords who are about to evict a resident to give the resident a notice outlining “the right to cure or to vacate” The passing of this bill may prevent some evictions, save the landlord money and keeping an eviction off the tenant’s record.
Survival or continuation of an action provided after the death or disability of a party	HF482/(Atkins)	Referred to Civil Law			
Nursing Facility and EW Rate Increases	HF 886/ (Fritz)	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF 792 (Eken)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Nursing Facility and EW Rate Increases			SF 790	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Nursing Facility and EW Rate Increases			SF 793	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Beltrami County Veterans home	HF 903/Persell	Referred to State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs	SF638/ Saxhaug	Referred to State and Local Government	

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Appropriating Money for Human Service Programs	HF937/ Laine	Referred to Health and Human Services Finance			
Pilot Programs for Health Care Delivery Networks			SF706/Hayden	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Modifying MA income standards for Seniors and people with Disabilities			SF762/ Hoffman	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Health care facilities resident case mix classification			SF894/Wiklund		This bill consists of mostly mostly technical updates related to RUG-IV. Track for Legislative Report.
Health Care Policy	HF820/ Loeffler	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF654/Wiklund	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance	
Chemical and Mental Health Policy	HF969/Dorholt	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy			
Operations Policy	HF975/Benson	Referred to Health and Human Services Policy	SF872/Franzen	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
DHS Budget Bill			SF1034/Lourey	Referred to Rules and Administration	

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TB provisions for licensed providers			SF887/(Marty)	Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing	
Eviction Expungement motion	HF829/Allen	Referred to Housing Finance and Policy			Track for L.R.
Victims of Violence additional Remedies Created	HF859/Simon	Referred to Housing Finance and Policy			This bill states that landlords would not be able to withhold anything from the security deposit for damage done to a victim of violence's unit, and that tenant screening services cannot disclose any rental history that references violence against the victim