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Todd Monson
Area Director
Human services & Public Health Department
Hennepin County
A-1500 Government Center (MC-150)
300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Re.: Hennepin County Waiver Request

Dear Director Monson:

We received your application for a waiver from Minnesota Statutes, ch. 256I (Group Residential Housing), Minn. Stat. § 256D.44, subd. 5 (Standards of Assistance, Special Needs) and 256D.35, subd. 11a (Definition of "Institution").

We are unable to accept the waiver application because (1) the eligibility requirements for individuals on whose behalf group residential housing payments can be made, and (2) the Minnesota supplemental aid eligibility requirements are substantive rather than procedural legal requirements.

The Office of the State Auditor can only consider waiving the enforcement of procedural laws. It cannot change legislative policy decisions on eligibility or placement options for individuals receiving public support.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Celeste Pulju Grant".

Celeste Pulju Grant
Deputy State Auditor
General Counsel

