

## RESOLUTION

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY,  
MINNESOTA

ADOPTED: January 17, 2006

WHEREAS, a provision was included in the State Government Finance bill House File 1481 (Article 2, Section 3) and is as follows:

“A county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the State Auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate. The State Auditor must list on the State Auditor’s web site a list of all state mandates cited in a resolution under this section, and the name of the unit of local government citing the mandate.”

WHEREAS, our request for mandate reform is to eliminate the need for Out-of-Home Placement (OHP) Plans for children who are placed out of their parental home solely due to a disability. These children are placed due to medical and/or behavioral needs which cannot be met by their parents, and these children are in need of 24-hour shift staff. The OHP Plan duplicates other plans, which are already required due to the child’s disability, one example of which would be the Individual Service Plan for persons with developmental disabilities. Since the OHP Plan normally prescribes how a child will be reunited with their parents, in the case of a child with disabilities the answer to most questions is "NA" because reunification is not applicable - placement is due to disability and the need for 24-hour care, not due to a need for improvement by the parents. If it would be helpful, we would be happy to submit an example of this redundancy. In these situations, the OHP Plan causes extra work for every county in Minnesota; it does not make sense and does not improve services to the child because it is duplication.

WHEREAS, this request would allow case managers more direct time with consumers, rather than time spent on paperwork which is not useful to the provision of services. We were asked to think about mandates which “just do not make sense,” this mandate meets that criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chippewa County does hereby request that:

1. Out-of-Home Placement Plans for children who are placed out of their parental home solely due to a disability be discontinued.
2. Individual Service Plans as required in MN Department of Human Services Rules are required and meet the criteria of an Out-of-Home Placement Plan for children who are placed out of their parental home solely due to a disability.

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Chairperson  
County Board of Commissioners

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Date