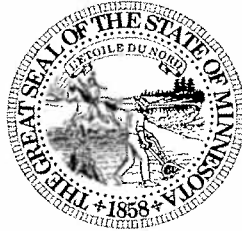


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Peter Benner

7650 Cahill Avenue
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
County of Dakota
Congressional District 2

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

**REPRESENTATIVE OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
AND HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

MINNESOTA INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Effective: May 5, 2013
Term Expires: January 2, 2017

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, April 30, 2013.



Governor

Secretary of State

RECEIVED

APR 30 2013

President of the Senate

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES**

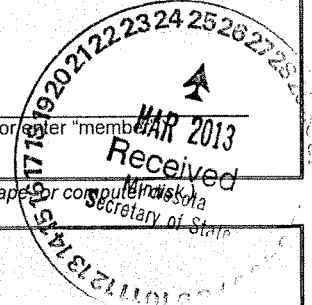
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Minnesota Insurance Marketplace
(Name of board, council, commission or task force.)

Position Sought: Board Member
(Membership position sought or other membership position)



By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape or computer printout).

Part II - Tell us about Yourself

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: Peter Benner
(First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Phone: (612) 325 - 7135

Preferred Mailing Address: 7650 Cahill Avenue
(Preferred Mailing Address)

E-MAIL: pbenner@comcast.net

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
(City) (State) (Zip)

County: Dakota

MN House of Rep Dist: 52B US House of Rep Dist: 2

Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:
Yes _____ No X

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes _____ No X

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female _____ Male X

Age: 63

Disability: Yes _____ No X

Political Party:
X Democratic-Farmer-Labor
_____ Independence
_____ Republican
_____ No Party Preference
_____ Other _____

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes _____ No X

Race: _____ African American or Black
_____ American Indian or Alaska Native
_____ Asian or Pacific Islander

X White or Caucasian
_____ Other Race _____

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

Peter Benner
(Signature of Applicant)

3/21/13
(Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:
Office of Secretary of State
Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

President of the Senate
03/27/2013

APR 30 2013

RECEIVED

March 21, 2013

Dear Governor Dayton:

I am applying to be a member of the Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Board of Directors. I believe I am qualified to serve as a member of this Board.

I have a broad background in health care and health insurance issues. As Executive Director of AFSCME Council 6, I was the lead union negotiator with the State of Minnesota in designing the insurance benefits for State of Minnesota employees and their families.

This has involved issues of who is to be covered, what that coverage should be, the nuts and bolts of costing both specific coverages as well as the overall insurance package, detailed review of administrative costs of health plans (both as providers of insured products and as third party administrators of self-insured products), detailed review of pharmacy benefit managers, and finally extremely detailed review and analysis of medical groups and hospitals for participation in the networks offered to state employees and their families on all 87 counties as well as in the border counties of the Dakotas, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

I have been an active participant in private sector and public-private initiatives for health care reform, quality improvement and public reporting since the 1980s. This included the Minnesota Coalition on Health (the very first multi-party partnership in the state), the Minnesota Health Data Institute (created as part of the MinnesotaCare law and responsible for the first public reporting of patient assessments of all health plans and insurance companies with products in Minnesota), the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (the organization most responsible for the improvement in the quality of care provided to Minnesotans), and most recently Minnesota Community Measurement (the lead organization for public reporting on the quality of care of Minnesota providers). In all these cases, I have been an explicit advocate for patients and consumers of care.

Finally, I have over 20 years of active participation in public policy discussions on health care in Minnesota. I have served as a member on the health reform commissions or task forces convened by Governors Perpich, Carlson, Pawlenty and Dayton. I also served on the Citizens Forum convened by Senator Durenberger. This have involved work on health care and health insurance for Minnesotans served by public programs, for Minnesotans served in the individual market, for Minnesotans served in the small group market, for Minnesotans served in the large group market, and for Minnesotans served in the self-insured market. It has also dealt with public health issues.

I have attached a resume to the application.

Thank you for your consideration.


Peter Benner

RECEIVED

APR 30 2013

President of the Senate

PETER BENNER

EDUCATION:

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA; 1966-1970 BA - History

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; 1970-1973 MA - History

Kennedy School of Government Summer Program for State and Local Government Executives; 1986

EMPLOYMENT:

1974-1976 - American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO; International Union Staff

1976-1979 - AFSCME, Minnesota Council 6, AFL-CIO; Field Representative

1979-1982 - AFSCME, Minnesota Council 6, AFL-CIO; Assistant Director

1982-2004 - AFSCME, Minnesota Council 6, AFL-CIO; Executive Director
In this role, I was lead union negotiator for the State of Minnesota Employee health plan. The plan currently has 130,000 covered lives and is the largest employer plan in the state.

2004 – AFSCME Minnesota Council 5, AFL-CIO; Special Assistant to the Director

2005 - 2006 – Executive Director of the AFSCME 21st Century Committee

AFSCME International Union Vice-President – 1992 to 2006

Minnesota AFL-CIO Executive Board Member – 2003 – 2004

Consultant on Health Care, Labor Relations and Public Policy – 2005-present

HEALTH CARE:

Minnesota Coalition on Health, Board of Directors; 1989-1992

Minnesota Health Care Access Commission, Board Member; 1989-1991

Minnesota Health Care Commission, Board Member; 1992-1997

Minnesota Health Data Institute, Board Member; 1993-2002

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, Board Member; 1995-present

Minnesota Citizen's Forum on Health Care Costs; 2003-2004

Minnesota Community Measurement, Board Member; 2005 to 2010

Governor's Health Care Transformation Task Force; 2007-2008

RECEIVED

APR 30 2013

President of the Senate

Health Care Reform Review Council: 2008-2010

Governor's Health Care Reform Task Force; 2011-2012

Minnesota Community Measurement Technical Advisory Group on Total Cost of Care; 2011-present

Minnesota Department of Health Provider Peer Grouping Advisory Committee: 2012-present

Address:

7650 Cahill Avenue
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
612-325-7135

E-mail: pbenner@comcast.net

RECEIVED

APR 30 2013

President of the Senate