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the parent or guardian having to bear the expense of that particular procedure, it says that the cost is borne by the Department of Health for those students whose parents or guardians are financially unable to meet the cost of paying for that immunization. Now is there already a procedure in place here in the State of Nebraska that establishes criteria for those students that would qualify for a payment of this fee by the Department of Health rather than the parents?

SENATOR KOCH: Where, Senator Stoney, I am sorry. I don't read that.

SENATOR STONEY: Okay, well, the way I read it, it begins on line 20 of the second page, the first line 20. It says, "The cost of such immunization shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each student who is immunized provided that such cost shall be borne by the Department of Health for those students whose parents or guardians are financially unable to meet such costs, to the extent that the funds are specifically available for such purposes."

SENATOR KOCH: All right. I am sorry. I see where you are. Presently within the state, I think we have nineteen different agencies that provide services to individuals who have financial problems. They are in place and they are available and these are under the Department of Health that administer these kind of services.

SENATOR STONEY: I guess the only thing that concerns me if we are going to continue with that practice is that there is a caveat here indicating that the only way that these immunizations would be paid for with public funds is if they are specifically available for such purposes. You are saying there are sufficient funds available for such purposes through these nineteen agencies.

SENATOR NICHOL: You have one minute, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR KOCH: It is my understanding, Senator Stoney, that these agencies presently have that service available, presently performing these kind of services. If the individual parent can show or demonstrate that they do not have the financial wherewithal to do this, then they are eligible to receive those services at one of those servicing agencies.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Koch.