

eligibility criteria. If they are indigent, have no other means of paying for it, meet the criteria, they are covered and paid for.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say that they are not indigent but somebody in the jail hits them with a knuckle, well, with a group of knuckles, and hurts them and causes them to need medical care.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, the county responsibilities still won't change. Under this bill, for example, a number of people would not be eligible. One of the responsibilities of the counties, even under this bill, that would be maintained would be general assistance. Part of the health care costs would still be maintained by the counties and, in that case, where he got knuckled and is hurt and needs help and he didn't have any other means of paying...but did meet...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...the eligibility criteria, the county would pick up the tab and he would have to be treated, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, he's got means, he's a millionaire.

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, then no, nobody should, a public fund shouldn't be used to pay for that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Even if he was hurt as a result of the problems created within the area of incarceration. You'd be saying that he'd have to seek a lawsuit to try to recover and that's the only way and if he did not sue, then he could not get any care or attention...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from the county.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, if he were out in the street and not in jail and got knuckled, I'm sure his health insurance, if he had it, would pay for it because they always do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But in this case...

SENATOR LYNCH: If you're covered, no, let me finish, they