

case indicates should be done. Senator Hannibal indicated it is very possible that the unit there at Norfolk could be opened because that may well be the kind of service that is required for a sufficient number of individuals to justify that under those individual reviews of each case as required. But we could very likely also, on the other hand, be building in a deficit if we do this because there will be individuals who, no doubt, will have to...may well need to be placed in a different type of service for which we will no longer have adequate funds to do it by the transfer and that really is the problem. It isn't whether Norfolk will be opening or not be opening another wing, the issue is whether or not the appropriate service as determined by individual evaluations will be adequately funded. And, for those reasons, I don't believe that this change should be made. The other thing that came, much of this discussion or at least the mail and the comments that I am aware of, essentially dealt with what has already had some reference and that was for emergency service, short term, that always seems to be a problem. And that, too, we, obviously, did not address it to the level that perhaps would be perfect but nevertheless we attempted to add and did add funds for expansion of emergency services and eventually every region in the state will be covered. And I think that is the area that has created most of the problem is where the emergency service is not adequate and needs to be provided and we did provide some additional funds for that. But I would caution that you give careful thought before you move funds out of a program that is federally required to be matched, which is federally required to be done and which federally the individual has to be placed in that facility which, upon determination of that individual's specific condition is determined to be appropriate. And I think that flexibility is necessary for the efficient operation of the regional centers.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** The member from the 49th District, Senator Scofield, Senator Schellpeper on deck.

**SENATOR SCOFIELD:** Mr. President and members, Senator Hannibal has explained to you the OBRA requirements which I know once in a while we all get annoyed at the continued...what seems to be continued flow of federal requirements and this is another one of those that, frankly, we don't have any choice but to do. The money that Senator Peterson is shifting is, as Senator Hannibal mentioned, related to the need to provide greater oversight of nursing facilities and there will be a greater stress upon