

entirely. In the case of the medical providers, there are a variety of rates, depending upon the type of medical service, and it's also geographically divided in the state. They are in the process of adjusting those geographic rates, I think they make it maybe statewide, is it uniform, and also some adjustments....There are some providers, and I don't have this here in front of me, that are, because those rates are different they submit a bill, or they...they're actual costs but they can be...they are reimbursed at a lesser rate? And it varies with the type of medical service that is being provided. On the average it's about a 10 percent increase, but that does not mean that each different kind of providers, depending where they are located, would get that. It would be under the new rate system applied, so at least they would more proportionately be covered in all areas to their cost, and it ends up about a 10 percent increase on the average now, but they would not be uniform by type of medical provider. But I have no problem of holding it over one way or the other as to what information...you know, if there is more detailed information, that is fine.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch, would you care to speak to the bracket motion?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, Dan, you said Medicare, and we're only talking about Medicaid, as I understand it. That was probably a slip. But, just to make that clear....And, Senator Warner, I'd like to ask you a question, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Is the federal funds on these various years, are those matching funds? Is that what we can expect to get, if we dedicate that much money?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. That is the match, I'm not sure what this percentage is, about 43...46, 53 percent.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so in other words, if we expend this much money, then the federal government automatically gives us that. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: If we do not appropriate the General Fund, you don't get the additional federal funds, obviously.