

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right. Well, you had said something about indigent care, it would be about the same amount as the indigent care. And really, Medicaid is different than indigent care. Correct?

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct. As I indicated when I started, I was hoping that I could adequately describe what the thoughts were. There is another provision in the bill that was to increase aid to counties, by just a flat percentage of the general aid that is now distributed. Conceptually, it was felt that into the medical providing...providers, hospitals and medical providers, that we would put an infusion of about \$11 million, per year, to offset their costs, over and above what they're currently receiving, which in a sense...

SENATOR PIRSCH: In other words, send it directly back to those providers instead of going through the county.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, but it is, in a sense, like the indigent care. Different people,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh.

SENATOR WARNER: ...no question about that, but for about 5 million, a little over 5.3 million of federal general funds we would be infusing about...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Accessing.

SENATOR WARNER: ...11 million into the medical community for health care,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh.

SENATOR WARNER: ...whereas some of the other legislation, one was using all General Fund, serving a different group of people,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh.

SENATOR WARNER: ...but as far as...if we couldn't do both, if it turned out that way, this might be an acceptable alternative, took less General Fund and still provide an infusion of additional funds...