

line 22, what my amendment simply says is that...substitute if he or she enrolls in a drug treatment program, substitute the language "if he or she applies to enroll in a drug treatment program". I think that cuts through the problem of creating lines between those who can and who cannot afford the treatment, because, obviously, it's not...can't be the intent of this body that we are going to draw a line between someone who can and can't afford the treatment in deciding whether or not they're going to be eligible for benefits. We have already made the quantum leap of saying that...in Senator Coordsen's concept of saying that we're not going to deny benefits to persons who are in treatment. We have already conceptually said we will go along with Senator Coordsen on that. Well, we certainly, as a body, I can't believe would want to say but we're going to...we'll agree to that concept but we're going to draw a line between those who can afford and those who can't afford the treatment. That just...I know the members of this body and I know they don't agree to that. That just doesn't make any sense. It's just patently unfair...unintended, unintended unfairness but it's still in its effect and it's application it's unfair. So I think by saying applies to enroll what we're doing, if they don't apply to enroll, certainly they would not get the benefits and that, I think, may come a little bit closer to what we're trying to do here, then, hopefully, they would get in the program at some point though. As Senator Hall suggests, there may be a wait but at least they are on the list. And maybe we could give them some priority, I don't know, maybe we can deal with that problem in another amendment or further down the line. But I think at least this takes some of the harshness, or not harshness, really, the unfairness out of the system. And also that person who is the...who is the...constantly abuses the system, constantly has drug problems and his employer sticks with that employee and then finally has to terminate him, if they don't care, if they don't apply, then they don't get benefits. And I think that's probably close to where we want to be. So I would urge the adoption of that simple interjection of the words apply for in conjunction with the words...or "apply to enroll" rather than just enroll. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** For a discussion of the Ashford amendment to the Coordsen amendment. Senator Hall, would you care to discuss the amendment to the amendment? Senator Chizek, would you care to discuss it? Senator Chambers.