

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, it would be your intent that they would benefit first to the extent of funds available?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and if there are not funds available to benefit all, even in that category, I assume this is not an entitlement of any sort, it would just go to, what, on a first come, first serve basis?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Beutler, and it is going to be an unknown factor here exactly how many people, how many women do go through this process, but I would hope that the committee itself would be motivated enough that if it sees that there might not be enough funds to cover that they would do some private fund raising. I think that is part of the scope of their mission is to try to see that those funds are there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and tell me, if you would, what the intent of the paragraph that begins on line 21 of page 10 is? I don't know if I have any trouble with that. On the other hand, I don't understand what it's intended to do, and it seems to set up these categories in which reimbursement can be made, but then it seems to say that adjustments of those categories can be made by the department in certain circumstances.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I guess I want to understand that so that I know, are we putting in place definite categories, are we putting in place beginning categories and the department makes up their own categories later, that is an important point for me?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We are putting in place beginning categories, and a part of this is necessary because of the application for the federal grant that the department is in the process of making, and I think that there does need to be some flexibility because what experience has found is that the more mammograms that a supplier actually does, the more his cost can go down. So that over a period of time, hopefully, some of these costs can go down, and so I think that we need that kind of flexibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.