

sure that we have written in the state regulation to ensure that no new entitlements and no new state funds are involved. And I have prepared some amendments on that, that I'll put on, on Select File. But if you look at the fiscal note, it's kind of difficult to...there is no specific number on the fiscal note of this bill. It says the General Fund fiscal impact in 752, for the provisions of rehabilitation services, will depend upon the restrictiveness of the medical...of the Medicaid plan amendment, and then it talks about what services are to be provided, who is eligible, the mix of costs for covered services and services currently provided with state dollars, which Medicaid dollars could be obtained for. So I know that with tight budgets we're all concerned about trying to get the best service that we can for the money that's involved. And I think that that would be easy to accomplish with just very few changes to this bill. The amendments that I'll be proposing are that they...the first one is changing a may to shall, similar to what Senator Robak just did, just to make sure that people who are making these decisions make it with the intent that we have in mind when we pass this legislation. And then another one deals with reducing the costs at the regional centers where patients are involved. And as we move...if we move them into community-based services, that we try to get some cost-savings within the regional centers, instead of trying to support both. I know we have this both in problems with MINMR, that the costs of maintaining sometimes the regional center stays at the same level, even though we've opened community-based services that are costing a lot of money at that area. And then the third one is for review of the contract, a legislative review. I think we should get a really good discussion going on that because there is a lot of talk on this Maximus contract, on what it is costing the State of Nebraska to implement. But I think something that hasn't been talked about a lot is what we are going to be accomplishing with Maximus or anyone else that would be looking into areas like this. And this is a possible 50 to 70 million dollar, according to all of this information, impact on the State of Nebraska. And we need to be discussing areas like this and this bill in particular of where that money is going to be going, and making sure that the money that we get from the federal government, as a match fund, is used in the areas that we are already covering, so that we can incur some cost-savings in these areas. And it's not just an additional 50 to 70 million dollars, which would be nice, but we also need to keep in mind that we need to keep some cost-savings when we implement that. And I think that's what this individual meant when they said