

case will Maximus be paid a percentage of any money they happen to come across while working in this Medicaid program for which they have a contract?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I don't have it in front of me up here. I would think that something along that line would be in there because I'm sure any prudent person would not want to have to pay a commission on money that we were entitled to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did the Appropriations Committee, in its inquiring way, because inquiring minds out here want to know, think to ask that question, whether or not there's something...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, that particular issue did not come through our committee, it went through another committee. You may want to ask that detail there. We asked quite a few questions. We probably did not get into the extreme detail that the other committee did because we just don't have time to get into those areas.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if you are going to use some of this money that has not materialized but you think will materialize and it's based on what Maximus claims to have found but, in fact, Maximus is going to say it found it pursuant to another contract on Medicaid, wouldn't it occur to somebody on your committee to ask, well, Maximus, are you going to also claim 9 percent under this contingent fee contract?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think that's a prudent question, and I think we have been satisfied that that was a condition met. As again I say, there are directors that signed this. Those issues ought to be, I'd say, automatic that you would look at that. You're certainly not going to pay for something that you are entitled to outside the contract.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here's what I'm saying, Maximus has the managed-care program for Medicaid. Let's say while stumbling around and managing this care they come across some money that they say the state had not been getting and would only get now because of Maximus.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.