

really long-term care. You need to look at both of those. So this would have, currently, just to give you an idea, the current budget, '95 budget for nursing facilities, is at 193 million dollars. That's on a base of 600 and... well, I've got varying figures here, 634 million is how much we've spent total on Medicaid. So you can see that's about the 30 percent figure that we were talking about. Then the home health is about 15 million and the factor in here is I think the 5 percent that Senator Wehrbein has plugged in, the committee has plugged in to Medicaid, so Liz Hruska has put that in here as necessary. And, again, the point would be that nursing facilities are the biggest category, about 30 percent. Inpatient hospitalization is about 102 million, so it's a little over half of what we spend on nursing homes and I think to better track we will have to make some other category changes in the future, Senator Hillman says, but we're not ready to do that right now, so I'd ask for adoption of the amendment. There's no additional money. This is just a separation out of the category so we can start to recognize that Medicaid isn't one thing for everybody. It's really acute care, long-term care, and then specialized care for those with disabilities and I'm not saying that we ultimately have to do all three of those categories, but it does help to understand that Medicaid is not just one entity. It has different functions. I'd ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members, Senator Wesely, you want to clarify here there is no additional money in this. These... these figures in here may be a little misleading, but it's simply put in by categories so, as I might say, a new base program. The pro...it's by program, so if you look at your amendment don't be confused and think we're putting any money in. We're not. It's just making categories for these... for long-term care, bringing some others into that. There's no additional money being appropriated here. It's simply taking our original amended budget and categorizing these, and I wanted to make that clear. Some of you asked if there is additional spending. There is not.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Seeing no further lights, Senator Wesely to close.

SENATOR WESELY: I'll waive.