

January 1 or sometime within the last...

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, they have 90 days to respond, so it would be three months prior to that, and they responded, was it, last week on the one and a couple of weeks on the other one, so it will be a little over three months in both cases.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, so we actually made the request. They've looked at it. They had questions back to us relative to our application, and that is what's delaying it now?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, that's right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. And they've not given any assurances to once they get these answers as to whether or not they will stamp their approval on it, or whether they will come back with another set of questions, or...

SENATOR WESELY: That's exactly right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And this is in both the managed...both the Medicaid and the mental health?

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Was any part of this process working out the contracts with those that are going to deliver the services for the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, that's a process that's also being worked through, and part of it, they can't sign the contracts until the waiver is approved because then they don't know the conditions under which they could make a plan. So there is a lot of things hanging out there until the federal approval comes through.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Will that be a further delay then, in addition to the federal government holding this up, as to whether or not we are going to be able to implement this within a reasonable period of time because of the continuing negotiations on these contracts?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, that's why we put the 45 days on the amendment to give them the time to finalize the contracts and move forward on that.