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section of the law is a logical place for amending language. AM1079 would insert a new sub...a subsection (2) to 43-2511. This new subsection directs the same three departments that developed the statewide billing system for MIPS to jointly develop a plan to utilize the same system to access federal funds for certain Medicaid administrative outreach services. LB 548 would seek federal funds only for those administrative services not being reimbursed through the administrative components of the Medicaid rate established for therapies. These reimbursement rates will remain intact and the administrative component will remain bundled within them. This is done so that these dollars will continue to be available for the match required for the department to access federal funds for services coordination for infants and toddlers. The director of the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support will apply for and secure any federal waivers and state Medicaid plan amendments. Only those administrative outreach services delivered by schools or ESUs under contract with the department and which are not otherwise reimbursed would be eligible for reimbursement. Prior to entering into such contracts, participating schools or ESUs will be required to certify: one, that it will use all funds received to offset their costs in providing administrative outreach services; two, that it has expended money to meet the federal match; three compliance with all federal and state regulations; and, four, any other certification required by the department. Reports, audits and certification as the department deems necessary shall be provided and it shall be...and it shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the bill. Three percent of the total amount of federal funds accessed pursuant to LB 548 would go to the Department of Health and Human Services for administration of the bill. Federal funds provided under the bill to the schools or to the ESU for administrative outreach services not otherwise reimbursed under Section 43-2511 would not be subject to the offset in 43-2515, which means that the money would go directly back to the schools rather than as an offset through the Department of Education. With that, I would conclude my presentation on AM1079. Thank you.

SENATOR BOHLKE PRESIDING

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Members, before