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facility in a community-based service. Absolutely.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And that is my understanding too, Senator Jensen. And thank you very much. There is some type of an institutional waiver when patients are put in a state regional center setting. We bypass or waive all of our opportunity for Medicaid monies to flow through the treatment modalities. And generally speaking, the move to more community-based mental health treatment, I think, spinning off of what Senator Johnson was speaking of, is in the best interests of the patients as well in the long term. And just want to compliment you, Senator Jensen, on this, and that I agree wholeheartedly with a whole lot of provisions in this kind of a blueprint map for future legislation. And thank you. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Jensen, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close, as chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, on AM1031 to LB 724.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The amendment does become the bill. And I think we've had a good discussion. And I want to pledge to you that I will certainly work with each one of you as we work through this process, and as well as working with the stakeholders, the county officials, and the regions, to develop the best plan that we can. I think this is an opportunity that we have. And so I would just ask that the body support the amendment and the passage of the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments to LB 724. The question before the body is, should AM1031, offered by the Health and Human Services Committee, be adopted? All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed nay. We're voting on adoption of the committee amendment offered by the Health and Human Services Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.