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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Further discussion, Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I appreciate Senator Dwite Pedersen's remarks. Senator Jensen, would you yield for a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Jensen, as a follow-up to Senator Howard's expressed concerns, I think her concerns are relative to access on the consumer level to some of these services. But correct me if I'm wrong, Senator Jensen. Statutorily, the scope of practice to perform substance abuse evaluations is related to a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a licensed mental health practitioner and a LADC are all the professions, if you will, that can provide substance abuse evaluation services. Is that correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: To my knowledge, yes, that is correct. I'm quite sure.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And this amendment really has nothing to do with consumer access issues. It's really related to practical training and supervision of the LADC. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So these issues relative to access by the consumer is not embodied at all within your amendment that you're presenting here. Is that correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. So I just wanted to make sure we're clear that this is not in any way, shape or form mandating the use of a psychiatrist or mandating the use of a psychologists, a LADC or an an LMHP. It simply sets out the parameters by which if you're a psychiatrist or if you're a psychologist, what the