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SENATOR CUDABACK: Your time is up.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...the first time he had his eyes examined, he did go to an M.D. So that's a little higher cost.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you Senator Bourne. Senator Byars, you may continue.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Chambers, I think we had some dialogue, and it would be good probably for us to continue on that dialogue and the question you had, if you would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Chambers, I think your question basically was, do we have the appropriate training, the appropriate scope of practice abilities in the PA and in the nurse practitioner to be able to do these, and is there an additional liability because they're doing these exams in addition to the optometrist or the M.D. Is that correct? Those were your questions?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Generally, and I'll hear your answer to determine if I need to refine it.

SENATOR BYARS: Okay. From a liability standpoint...and again, my naivete--you have experience of the law itself--I would presume that there would already exist a...some sort of liability on the part of those professionals, and I think when I brought up insurance earlier, I think one of the reasons for them to have their malpractice insurance and what have you is because of the fact that they can make mistakes, and they should be covered and they should have a liability to the people that they're practicing with. And so I'm not certain that we have to have additional language within the statutes to cover that. It's probably already there. And then I'll give you my time. I'll yield to you and let you respond.