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LB 589

SENATOR MINES: They are...they are broadly included as a subspecies, if you will, as defined as a limited benefit policy, and they are...their inclusion is to the point that if the Department of HHSS requests information, they are to provide that information on any...of their insured, but they are not a Medicaid payer. So they are somewhat held harmless or held exempt from some of the language here.

SENATOR McDONALD: I understand the last part of the answer. Would you broaden the explanation on the first part?

SENATOR MINES: Well, if HHS, or the Department of Insurance, if that happens to be the case later on, determines that an insured has Medicaid...has a Medicaid expense and they, in turn, receive payment from other payers, that those monies go directly to the Medicaid payment or the health provider. With an AFLAC program, that...those monies are paid direct to the insured. Thus, if HHS wants to know if they receive monies, they will tell them that those monies have been paid but they don't fall under the Medicaid reimbursement plan.

SENATOR McDONALD: Okay. And will that be part of the study this summer?

SENATOR MINES: Yes, it will. Yeah, that...this whole thing will be...continue to be evaluated and studied.

SENATOR McDONALD: Thank you.

SENATOR MINES: Thanks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 589? Seeing no lights on, as Chairman of the committee, Senator Beutler, you're...as Chair, Senator Beutler's choice to close, if he cares to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, again, the basic thrust of the bill is to encourage the coordination of benefits to allow the department to better coordinate benefits and, thereby, to recover, in the estimate