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would be based?

SENATOR JENSEN: No. Of course, on the fiscal note it talked about how they came up with that figure, and it is a little speculative, as Senator Byars mentioned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are...does their speculation include calculating how long one of these persons might live who now will be getting Medicaid or whatever it is, and for how long a period the person would get it, and that's how they arrived at this figure?

SENATOR JENSEN: No. They arrived at this by taking a percentage of those in nursing homes and those that are...would be eligible for Medicaid. I think that is really what they took their estimate on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, wouldn't the length of time a person lives have a bearing on how much it's going to cost the state to contribute to that person's upkeep?

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't think they took into...that into account, on how long they live. They just say that a certain percentage of these, when they die, will certainly be looking towards Medicaid and towards the state and federal funds to help them with their burial.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, do they die faster than they...the rate at which they enter these nursing homes?

SENATOR JENSEN: I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Meaning that if those...if more died than entered, the amount spent would reduce as time went on, wouldn't it, because you have fewer people that you're assisting?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it's just the number of people that have...that are on Medicaid historically that they're taking that estimate from. I don't think there's anything as to how long they live.