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SENATOR FOLEY: Right. Right. Well, no, no, with your amendment, with your amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: With my amendment?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, they would.

SENATOR FOLEY: But how could we know that? Because we don't know how many providers there might be statewide that come into the program because of the new language. And I'll just use a...

SENATOR JANSSEN: With your language.

SENATOR FOLEY: Right, with my language, which is part of your amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR FOLEY: Let's just say statewide we pick up 50 new providers. I don't know if that's realistic or not. Let's just say 50 for a round number. If there's 50 new providers, in addition to the existing providers, how is it that the existing providers could get everything that they were going to get before?

SENATOR JANSSEN: They would have...

SENATOR FOLEY: Or is it just your hope that they would?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, I certainly hope they would.

SENATOR FOLEY: But not necessarily. I mean, the amendment doesn't mandate that they get what they would have gotten the previous year.

SENATOR JANSSEN: No, it doesn't, but it goes on what is appropriated for that program.

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, but there's a fixed size of the pie