

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Betty Lou Kasten, on February 17, 1997, at 8 a.m., in room 108.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Sen. James H. "Jim" Burnett (R)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

**Staff Present:** Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Ellen Garritty, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION

#### MEDICAID, HEALTH POLICY & SERVICES DIVISION, SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION

Tape 1

LFD staff reviewed Exhibit #1, Reconciliation of Original Executive Budget and Revised Medicaid Projections.

**Motion:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept revised Medicaid adjustments as prepared by Mike Kenshaw, Administrator, Senior and Long Term Care Division, but keep the reduced Present Law Adjustment--MCBS (previous Subcommittee action) of 10% each year.

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Comments: discussion on motion.}*

**Vote:** Rep. Cobb motion passed 4-2.

Tape 1B

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.0 through Tape 1B, 8.6;  
Comments: discussion of nursing home budget item.}*

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept original action on Senior & Long Term Care Division New Proposal: HCBS Waiver Lien. The motion passed 5-1.

**Motion/Vote:** Chairman Kasten moved that the Department be authorized to make the following level and types of one time

expenditures using the lien and estate recovery fund appropriated by the Legislature at 50% to provide additional Medicaid home and community waiver services, and 50% to enhance nursing home services. The motion failed 3-3.

#### HEALTH POLICY & SERVICES DIVISION

LFD staff reviewed Exhibit #1, for the Health Policy & Services Division.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.4.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to take out New Proposal TCM/Children at Risk. The motion passed unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.8; Comments: discussion of Present Law Adjustment: new item: Medicare Buy-In-Premium.}*

Nancy Ellery reviewed New Proposal, Item 14, External Quality Review Organization Contract. (Page B-69 in Budget Book)

Motion/Vote: Chairman Kasten moved to accept New Proposal, Item 14, External Quality Review Organization Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.2; Comments: Exhibit #2, proposed language for House Bill 2, submitted by the Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association.}*

Bob Olson spoke to Exhibit #2. Subcommittee and staff discussion followed.

**Tape 2A**

The Subcommittee agreed to postpone action on Exhibit 2.

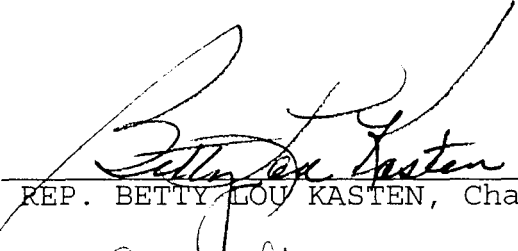
#### RBRVS


Mary Dalton, Medicaid Services Bureau Chief, reviewed Exhibit #3 estimates of the fiscal impact of the proposed RBRVS conversion.

*{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.5 through Tape 2B, 21.0: Comments: staff/Subcommittee discussion of TBRVS.}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:40 a.m.

  
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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

  
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ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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