DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To John Grabel:

This amendment changes nonstatutory language of the Joint Committee on Finance requiring DHFS to report, with proposed legislation, if IGT Medical Assistance moneys become available for certain programs. Your amendment request would, instead, allow DHFS "to implement Governor's funding and language for these programs when MA funds become available." As I explained by phone, I am unable to fulfill all of your request: the proposals for reduction in the use of nursing homes for the provision of long–term care and for community support programs require legislative enactment of extensive statutory changes, and DHFS lacks the authority to implement them absent that enactment. Other parts of your request (noninstitutional MA service provider rates, expanded COP–waiver and CIP II and CIP IB rates and services, and expansion of the family care benefit) can be effected if the money is received *and* the Joint Committee on Finance makes the appropriate appropriation transfers. Therefore, I've drafted your amendment to have that done. I also included administrative costs for implementing created or expanded claims for IGT moneys, as specified by the Joint Committee on Finance.

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