

Department of Social Services
Joint Appropriations Committee
January 30, 2014

1. Senator Sutton: What is the maximum rate we pay for CHIP?

The federal CHIP rate cannot be less than 65% or greater than 85%.

2. Senator Peters: Do we have the FY14 year-to-date benefit amounts for SNAP?

Through December SNAP benefits paid were \$79.2 million.

3. Senator Sutton: Please explain how the per capita income is calculated in the FMAP calculation.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis calculates personal income using:

- Earnings- wages and salaries employer contributions for pension and insurance funds and proprietors income
- Dividends, interest, and rent
- Personal current transfer receipts- government social benefits such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and state unemployment insurance.

4. Senator Peters: Please provide some of the detail around the results of the January 2014 "flat file" data from the FFM.

From the January 14 flat file data:

- Of the 1,730 applications for 2,827 individuals
- 353 – clearly over income and not eligible for Medicaid
- 972 – marked they were disabled, over 65 and likely won't be eligible or were assessed by the FFM as not being Medicaid eligible

So far, Economic Assistance staff has followed up with 654 applications for 1227 individuals who had been assessed through the FFM as potentially Medicaid eligible. Of these, 395 were already Medicaid eligible prior to applying at the FFM. 81 had already applied at DSS after applying at the FFM and were determined Medicaid eligible. 110 new Medicaid applications were generated and of these 46 were denied, 43 are pending, and 21 were approved.

5. Representative Carson: What is the maximum benefit for TANF?

The maximum benefit amount is \$565 for a family of three.

6. Senator Heineman: Please provide some additional historical Data on work participation rates in the TANF program.

The most recent five years of federally certified data reflects 55.5% – 57.9%.

7. Senator Peters: Could you please break out the caretaker/relative from the parent cases on the TANF caseload chart?

	TANF Cases	TANF Caretaker/Relative Cases
FY 13	894	2312
FY12	1027	2231
FY11	1067	2199
FY10	1041	2156
FY09	867	2064

8. Representative Mickelson: Provide a breakdown of the technology costs in Medical Services and other parts of the budget for DSS.

The following table includes a breakdown of the FY14 technology budget for DSS.

Center	Gen	Fed	Oth	Total
0814	3,464,945	14,085,752	5,860	17,556,557
083	54,100	23,007,889	-	23,061,989
085	1,017,511	416,498	36,375	1,470,384
	4,536,556	37,510,139	42,235	42,088,930

9. Senator Heineman: Please provide the number of Primary Care Providers that participate in the Primary Care Case Management Program.

There are currently 599 enrolled in PCCM program. Of that total, 71% are currently taking new patients.

10. Representative Wismer: Does the PERM review include a review of Long Term Care eligibility and if so what were the results?

Yes. The error rate was 0%.

11. Senator Peters: On page 123 could you please provide additional detail regarding the \$1,974 "All Others".

All Others (Medicare Premiums, Dental, Chiropractic, etc.)	\$1,974
Indian Health Services	\$814
Medicare Premiums and Crossovers	\$702
EPSDT Services	\$263
Other Services (chiropractic, adult dental and optometric)	\$195
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	\$1,974

12. Senator Solano: Please provide additional detail on the timeframe related to the enrollment through the exchange?

Native American's are not subject to the open enrollment date. Open enrollment through the federal exchange ends March 31st, 2014. After that date, these individuals can access the exchange if they have a qualifying health event such as a change in family status (birth, etc.) or lose employer coverage.

13. Senator Sutton: Can we get a list of Senior Meal Providers and their reimbursement rates?

Attached find a list of the senior nutrition providers and their FY14 meal reimbursement rates.

14. Senator Sutton: Please provide a list of Nursing facility providers and their reimbursement?

The following link to the DSS website that lists the nursing homes in South Dakota. We are working to compile the list of Medicaid reimbursement to each facility.

<http://dss.sd.gov/elderlyservices/resources/rptOccupancyReport1-23-14.pdf>.

15. Senator Tidemann: What is the basis was for Assisted Living mandatory inflation?

The mandatory inflation requirement in this area is the greater of the federal COLA (currently 1.5%) or the discretionary inflationary increase appropriated to other similar provider types (3%).

16. Representative Wismer: Could you please provide information on rebasing nursing homes including when the last time it was done?

Nursing homes were last rebased in SFY2010 using 2007 cost reports. Rebasing utilizes facility specific cost reports to distribute available appropriations to providers based on the facility's specific costs.

17. Senator White: Can you list the 4 nursing homes that have been contracted to provide care for services to the special populations discussed during the presentation?

Avera Prince of Peace nursing home in Sioux Falls has a four bed specialized unit designed for individuals with ventilator needs.

Canistota Good Samaritan nursing home in Canistota serves fifteen individuals with challenging behaviors.

Avera Sunset Manor nursing home in Irene serves 8 individuals with traumatic brain injury received after the age of 22.

We are also working with Avera Sunset Manor in Irene to serve 11 individuals with challenging behaviors.

We continue to reach out to nursing facilities across the state to develop additional capacity for special populations.

SFY-14 Rates

Division: Adult Services and Aging

<u>Provider</u>		SFY-14 DSS Reimbursement Per Meal
Area Four Senior Citizens Planning Council, Inc	\$	3.30
Bennett County Senior Citizens Center Assoc, Inc	\$	3.80
Senior Citizens Services, DBA Center for Active Generations	\$	3.20
Cheyenne River Elderly Nutrition Services Inc	\$	4.33
Huron Area Senior Center	\$	2.90
Interlakes Community Action, Inc	\$	3.30
Mitchell, City of	\$	3.20
Ponderosa Apartments, Inc. Spearfish	\$	2.90
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	\$	3.69
Rural Office of Community Services	\$	3.40
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe	\$	4.26
Western South Dakota Senior Services, INC	\$	3.60
Wheels & Meals Corp.	\$	3.00
Yankton Area Senior Nutrition Program	\$	3.00
West River Transit Authority dba Sturgis Nutrition Project	\$	3.10