

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 08, 2023

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman Zuiderveld, Senators Lee, Harris, Bjerke, Wintrow, and Taylor

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman VanOrden** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Bjerke** moved to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2023. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Senator Taylor** moved to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2023. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Senator Lee** moved to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2023. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Senator Harris** moved to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2023. **Senator Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Senator Zuiderveld** moved to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2023. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL** Chairman VanOrden passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Zuiderveld.

**DOCKET NO. 15-0102-2201** **Rules Governing Adult Protective Services Programs (APS), (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.** **Judy Taylor**, Director, Idaho Commission on Aging, explained the scope of the rules were limited to APS workers, as it became obvious most of the contents of this Rule would better serve the workers in a manual, where format lends itself to clearly explaining the standards and practices by utilizing expanded text, diagrams, decision trees and other tools.

**TESTIMONY:** **Francoise Cleveland**, Director of Advocacy, AARP stated she was there as a voice for older Idahoans and their families who were impacted by abuse, neglect and exploitation, in support of changes to the Rule, as it would benefit the Adult Protective Services Program and the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Act.

**Richelle Tierney** submitted testimony in writing.

**MOTION:** **Senator Taylor** moved to approve **Docket No. 15-0102-2201** to print. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**S 1028**                    **HEALTH - Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding reports and investigations of maltreatment of vulnerable adults.** **Judy Taylor** informed the Committee that during analysis, it was clear sections of the Administrative Rule was more appropriate in Title 39, Chapter 53, Idaho Code, the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Act needed an update.

**MOTION:**                **Senator Lee** moved to send **S 1028** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**DISCUSSION:**        **Medicaid Budget Follow Up.** **Dave Jeppesen**, Director, Department of Health & Welfare (Department) explained he was there to answer any follow up questions from the Medicaid Finance presentation on February 7, 2023. He used the same presentation slides used in his presentation to the Finance Committee (JFAC) (see Attachment 1).

**Senator Lee** asked about the operating fund, and if the supplemental directory was something that happened within the last year. **Director Jeppesen** replied that 2 percent came back out of what was covered through personnel dollars. There was also some technology, motor pool, security, and transportation for children in that figure.

**Senator Wintrow** asked what it would mean if Patient Centered Medical Home Payments (PCCM) were eliminated. **Director Jeppesen** replied because those payments involved a fee, those contracts would have to be renegotiated to remove the fees. **Senator Wintrow** inquired about any potential fallout if those contracts were renegotiated. **Director Jeppesen** stated it was too early for that conversation.

**Senator Bjerke** inquired if the Department's receipt authority was a supplemental. **Director Jeppesen** replied the receipt authority allowed the State to take in money back for what has been already been paid for, such as drug rebates and third party medical payments. **Senator Bjerke** asked why there was a need for the receipt authority to be in the 2024 supplemental. **Director Jeppesen** replied those receipts were coming in this year. and without an increase, those receipts could leave the Department short for the following year.

**Chairman VanOrden** asked if the Medicaid upper payment limits were for in hospital patient visits. **Director Jeppesen** replied it also came from medicare, as Medicare would pay the difference between what Medicaid paid and what Medicare would have paid.

**Senator Bjerke** asked how EMS could be managed to where there was a central agency that kept operating procedures the same. **Director Jeppesen** stated that was a complex issue. There was a recommendation to pull together a workgroup of stakeholders, who were meeting now to fund the contractor that would support them. **Senator Bjerke** asked if Certified Homes and other similar items were important for the Health and Welfare budget moving forward. **Director Jeppesen** stated yes, it was.

**ADJOURNED:**        There being no further business at this time, **Chairman VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

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Senator VanOrden  
Chair

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Michelle Tierney  
Secretary