

order to fund other Medicaid activities. That's why when Senator Bromm was answering that question I want to make it very clear, you are not choosing dollars for optional Medicaid services or this project because we are not talking about increased state match in order to pull this off. You could not use the education dollars to pay for medically needy programs or optional Medicaid services. What Senator Moore is talking about is mandating the Medicaid billing but have all those dollars go into general appropriations to use however we want to, but that is not to be confused with whether or not...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...this is cutting into state dollars necessary for making the federal match. It does not interfere, in any way, shape or form with the existing Medicaid issue that we are faced with right now. I think it's also important to realize once again the \$1.2 million is not the Medicaid dollars, that is an appropriations at the federal level to continue, not to create a new program, but to continue what we've been doing both at the federal and state level on behalf of families who have children with disabilities. Those dollars are there now, looks like they're going to definitely be there for next year, and if I read the present administration correctly, they will continue to be there, if not increase, because people are recognizing the value of investing very early, not only in our children, but in our families. And so I...I feel that particularly the way Medicaid dollars have followed, as well as the authorization of this particular act for the service coordination a family centered approach will be there.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Now, your light is the next light on, so you may continue.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Are there any other lights on?

SPEAKER BAACK: Four more.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Okay, fine. Then I may...I want to take some time to make sure you all understand the funding process here. I know you've raised concerns about whether or not it's continued to be there at the federal level. But I do want you to understand what's going on. There are two resources at the federal level for dollars for this project, one is the Medicaid dollars. That requires a match from the state, that match is