

the Medicaid tracking on managed care. Is that found somewhere? Is that considered by FAMIS or...

SENATOR MOORE: To my knowledge, no, neither of those things would be contained in here directly. Now, you understand that the...you know, in an agency like the Department of Social Services, their computer budget runs in several millions of dollars in an ongoing year. I believe the figure is \$14 million, is their computer budget in an ongoing year to sustain everything they do and operating everything they do. FAMIS is an up front, one-time cost to upgrade the entire system. Now, two things you're talking about, I can't tell you right now how they relate to FAMIS. To my knowledge, they're not part of the cost of FAMIS. They may or may not be part of the ongoing plans in the Department of Social Services.

SENATOR WESELY: Could I...could I have that checked out to find out? Because I'm assuming it's maybe in the...I think it may be found in the package of bills that we have in the A bills, I don't know.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I think on the managed care, I know there was a...I mean, and the other thing...the other thing is, obviously, under our present syst...whenever you change the system or add onto the system there's a tremendous cost. It is the hope that with FAMIS you have a cleaner system to add onto and a cleaner system to change. I mean, that makes sense to me. I'm not exactly a computer whiz though, but I...I believe that would be the case.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, here's...here's my concern. I just want to be sure that somewhere, as we move forward, we do not find ourselves in the position, as we are right now, without the computer capability to moving forward on a managed care system where right now we want to have copays and deductibles but we don't have the computer capability of doing that, but, hopefully, anticipate that the copay and deductible computer system will be available by April 1 of next year. We've got to make sure that's covered. In addition, we found on the drug side that we can save money. Maryland has just gone forward with a computer change that is ending up saving them money on point of sale. All these things require a sophisticated capability...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.