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Daniel and Heather, here is some feedback on the CS for SB 74/Version F, which we may speak to if given the opportunity this morning in S-SA. Sorry for the last minute notice.

Section 2 is confusing to us because the Department has a new computerized public assistance system, ARIES, that does pretty much everything that is expected of such a system in this section. The only feature it does not have is an “income, asset, and identity eligibility verification system,” and we are contacting our vendor to ask what it would cost to add such a feature (a “plug-in” to the existing system). So we anticipate a fiscal note for this piece. If the sponsor is proposing that we go with an entirely new system we will have a much larger fiscal note. We would recommend removal of the new section 2.

On page 4, lines 17-22, new expectations for a redesigned payment process in Medicaid are added. We suggest changing the word “and” on line 19 to “or” as expecting fee agreements to require both bundled payments and global payments from the same vendor would be problematic.

And finally the new Section 5, which would appear to prohibit Medicaid expansion, is not something we can support.

Thank you,

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