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Are y'all cool with new proviso 33.cfa at the bottom of page 11? Senate Finance thought it would be cleaner doing it that way (while deleting 33.32 and restoring 33.1 back to its original language ).

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Subject: Looking at Senate Finance provisos ...

Team,  
I think the Senate will begin floor debate on the budget this week. And probably next week, too.

As we saw, glancing at last week's summary control (fiscal spreadsheet) document, it appears senators gave us just a tad more than the House, but it appears that funding is just \$50K more for the Health Information and Network (pass through), as well as the \$25K our agency got as a result of the Supreme Court ruling re: employee insurance premiums.

Anyway, regarding what the Senate Finance Committee did to provisos, I'd like each of you to take one last look to be sure we are okay with everything – to be sure we like the provisos as they are (see link below.)

Link to provisos adopted by Senate Finance (May 2 version - not updated yet to reflect possible OSCAP amending language added Friday, May 3):

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/committeeinfo/SenateFinanceMeetingHandouts/2013Session/May022013MeetingDocuments/Health%20Subc%20Rec%20to%20SFC.pdf>

Provisos of note in the Senate Finance version: (in the link above) – Are we okay with these changes?

23.3 – MUSC Rural Access Plan – Senate Finance struck this line: “If a hospital does not actively participate, the Department of Health and Human Services may withhold a portion of the enhanced DSH payment.”

33.1 – Recoupment/Restricted Fund – Senate Finance restored this proviso to its original version (later adding a new proviso to deal with carry forward funds.)

33.32 – Recoupment/Sustainability Fund – This proviso that we added in the House is deleted in the Senate Finance version. Deleting this, and restoring 33.1 above, are part of the carry forward strategy addressed with the new proviso at the bottom.

33.33 – Non-Disabled, Childless Adults Waiver (expansion proviso) – This proviso stayed in the Senate version, as we have that “may” word in there as a release. More importantly, the Governor will veto this proviso.

33.34 – Medicaid Accountability and Quality Improvement Initiative – This big proviso was probably amended Friday, after senators were given four options from us to give them some assurance regarding OSCAP transition, and increased funding related thereto. Friday’s change is not online yet, so I’ve not seen it.

NEW PROVISOR – 33.cfa – Carry Forward Authorization – This new proviso was added in Senate Finance. The addition of this one goes in concert with restoring 33.1 and deleting 33.32. New proviso text:  
For the current fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to carry forward and expend any General Fund balances for the Medicaid program. Within 30 days after the close of the fiscal year, the department shall report the balance carried forward to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

... So again, if you have any heartburn with these provisos, please let us know.

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