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No Medicaid expansion.

Setzler introduced a proviso to expand Medicaid. He said there is just a substantial difference of opinion. He said it would cover 350K people. He said Keck's proviso, a trial only, will only affect 10K people. SC wants this. It is about the people. And it's about hospital cost shifting. Someone has to cover that.

Alexander said he is concerned about the market - exchange volatility, the woodwork and natural growth, access issues. So we have a difference of opinion. Moved to table proviso.

Cromer asked if he can legally vote on this since he has Medicaid as a source of income. Leatherman thought so.

Vote to table was 13-10. I have the names of who voted how.

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On May 2, 2013, at 4:35 PM, "Bryan Kost" <kostbr@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

Still a long time-out while everyone discusses things

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On May 2, 2013, at 4:21 PM, "Bryan Kost" <kostbr@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

Leatherman has called Setzler and Alexander to his side. Conference

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On May 2, 2013, at 4:19 PM, "Bryan Kost" <kostbr@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

FYI. Getting ready to discuss Dems' new proviso to expand Medicaid.

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On May 2, 2013, at 3:52 PM, "Bryan Kost" <kostbr@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

They went through our provisos, except they skipped our big Accountability and Quality proviso - to be discussed later. Sen Setzler indicated they (the Dems) have an amendment to that one. Also Sen Alex has an amendment to that one he said (hopefully our OSCAP language).

They delete our current Sustainability Fund proviso (33.32) and offered the new one Angie described to us that allows us to carry forward funds. At this point, Setzler said he knows DHHS needs a surplus - he just wants to be sure the surplus is for services, not admin costs. Alexander said the intent is to pay for services.

Also, on MUSC proviso 23.3 (below) they delete the last sentence that says we can without a portion of DSH to rural hospitals that do not participate.

Again, they said they will get to our big proviso later.

MUSC proviso:

23.3. (MUSC: Rural Access Plan) The MUSC Hospital Authority, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall study how to partner with existing rural hospitals to ensure that these regions maintain access to medical care. Facilities studied shall not be limited to, but shall at a minimum include those facilities in Hampton, Allendale, Orangeburg and Barnwell counties. If a hospital does not actively participate, the Department of Health and Human Services may withhold a portion of the enhanced DSH payment.

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