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David can give you more, but I think the tobacco study would be pretty much a waste of time for which we have reserved no funds. We are currently surcharging the known users of snuff, chew, and smoke, but the current flat \$60 per month premium surcharge is apparently based on a number taken out of the sky. Additionally, we are only capturing something in maybe the 50-60% range of users.

Telemedicine, both doc to doc and doc to patient is a concept that needs to and will be be exploited by the EIP; we are looking at a formal beta site with MUSC to do just that in a way that is ultimately scalable statewide, but what we don't need is yet another panel to advise us how to do our job. We are on it.

Art

On Wed, Jun 19, 2013 at 1:28 PM, Soura, Christian <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

The House has adopted the conference report on the budget, and we expect the Senate will follow suit later today, putting the Governor on a 5-day clock to prepare and issue any budget vetoes. I'd give you a copy/link to the budget if it were posted online yet, but unfortunately, they haven't done that yet.

David – I imagine you've likely kept fairly close tabs on the process...do you mind conferring with Art and then calling me sometime tomorrow so we can talk about whether or not there's anything you'd like us to consider vetoing in your area? I don't see that there's much for us to discuss...generally just the tobacco user differential study, the telemedicine proviso, etc. I just wanted to be sure to give you both an opportunity to weigh-in, if you had any comments or suggestions for the Governor's consideration. Thanks.

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