

MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ruth Teichman at 9:30 a.m. on January 23, 2003 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Steineger, Adkins, and Corbi n
All Excused

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Marlene Putnam, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Laurel Murdie, Principle Auditor SRS
Controlling Costs of Medical Services (continuation)
Controlling Costs of Long Term Care

Others attending: See attached list

Report from Laurel Murdie, Principle Auditor SRS

This is a continuation from January 21 on Controlling Costs of Medical Services. We will continue with what steps can be taken to control increasing medicaid costs.

Her report was taken from the Performance Audit Report (which can be found in the division of post audit).

She then reported on Controlling Costs of Long-Term Care, taken from the Performance Audit Report(which can be found in the division of post audit)

In conclusion, she stated that SRS and the Department on Aging already have established a number of good processes to manage costs and to help identify payments that shouldn't be made. There are still a number of things the Departments could do to control program costs, such as analyzing available data to identify trends in the use of services that might indicate clients are overusing certain services, or strengthening efforts to identify and recoup payments made in error.

Meeting adjourned