

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

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Chairman Dever, Chairman Krauter and members of the Human Services and Health committees, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide information regarding the status of the Department's Medicaid waiver application to provide in-home services to children with extraordinary medical needs, to provide information on waivers surrounding states have submitted for programs for children with special health care needs, and to report on options for providing Medicaid services to children with special health care needs.

Children with Extraordinary Medical Needs Waiver

The research and design phase of the waiver development has been completed and several components have been developed and entered into the CMS waiver application. The waiver overview and major decision points were reviewed with the Department's waiver team and with the Medical Needs Task Force at recent meetings. Based on the feedback, the program as designed has been well received. The Department anticipates a draft of the application will be available for public comment later this fall. The Department has been discussing the waiver content and approach with CMS staff. These preliminary reviews should expedite the approval process once the waiver is submitted.

As discussed in previous meetings of the Budget Committee on Human Services, the waiver will be submitted with a July 1, 2007 effective date and will be contingent upon receipt of an appropriation to operate the waiver.

Waiver Information from Surrounding States

State	Waiver	Summary
Montana	None	
South Dakota	Family Support	For Children with Mental Retardation: Services include coordination, personal care, respite, environmental access adaptations, specialized medical and adaptive equipment and supplies, companion, and nutritional supplements.
Minnesota	Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals	For disabled individuals under 65: Services include homemaker, respite, habilitation, prevocational services, environmental modifications, family support, extended state plan services, PT, OT, speech and hearing services, personal care, residential care, and foster care

Options for Providing Medicaid Services to Children with Special Health Care Needs – [Attachment A](#)

I would be happy to address any questions that you may have.