

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
DECEMBER 14, 2005**

Chairman Dever and members of the committee, I am Tamara Gallup-Millner, Director of the Children's Special Health Services Unit for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide information about the Children's Special Health Services program.

Costs for the Children's Special Health Services Unit are detailed in Attachment A.

Attachment B includes diagnostic and treatment services costs by major condition type. Children with the following five conditions were served most frequently through the program in FFY 2004: Asthma, Cleft Lip and Palate, Diabetes, Heart Conditions, and Handicapping Malocclusion, which is a condition where teeth are so severely misaligned that orthodontic treatment is needed. Generally, these are also the conditions where we have paid the most for care. Other high cost conditions during that period included Genitourinary Tract Anomalies, Hearing Loss, and Seizure Disorders.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to address any questions that you may have.