

The Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee intends that the Department of Health report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by June 1, 2018 on the following: (1) What are our estimated costs to Medicaid currently from Medications that cost more than \$10,000 per month? (2) What is the estimated cost to Medicaid of the 1 year carve out that they are proposing—and exactly which year were they proposing for the carve out? And (3) Report on the possible options for a waiver or state plan amendment in which Medicaid would identify families who have a child that is receiving one of these very expensive medications and if that medical condition is a known genetic condition that can be identified by in vitro fertilization then Medicaid would offer and cover in vitro fertilization services to those families so they would now that any subsequent children that they wished to have would not be afflicted with the same medical condition.

(As a single example of the costs involved – spinal muscular atrophy – which we just started screening for in our new born exam this year. The cost to treat that condition (with the new medication nusinersen) is \$750,000 for a single patient for the first year. And that cost then continues at \$375,000 per year every year for the rest of their life. As compared to in vitro fertilization which is \$10,000 to \$15,000 one-time cost.)