

Health and Human Services Committee

LB 21

March 4, 2015

**Courtney Miller, Deputy Director, Programs
Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
Department of Health and Human Services**

Good afternoon Senator Campbell and members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Courtney Miller (C-O-U-R-T-N-E-Y M-I-L-L-E-R) Deputy Director of Programs, within the Medicaid and Long-Term Care division of the Department of Health and Human Services. I am here to testify in a neutral capacity on LB 21. The Department is not taking a policy position on this bill at this time.

LB 21 requires all rate increases for providers of behavioral health services under the medical assistance program to be passed on in their entirety by any contractor governing at-risk managed care service delivery for behavioral health services.

The Department opposed the bill as originally introduced, however, I had the opportunity and privilege to meet with Senator Krist earlier today to discuss our issues. I appreciate receiving the amendment in advance of today's hearing and the amendment does address the Department's issues. We will collaborate with Liz Hruska to revise the fiscal note.

I would be happy to answer any questions.