

Testimony
Department of Human Services
Health Care Reform Review Committee
Representative George Keiser, Chairman
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Chairman Keiser, members of the Health Care Reform Review Committee, I am Jenny Witham, Chief Information Officer for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide information regarding the status of the computer and technology-related elements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Title II Role of Public Programs, Section 2201 the requirements of enrollment simplification and Medicaid and CHIP coordination with a Health Benefit Exchange. The intent of these sections is to ensure seamless eligibility and enrollment linkages between the Exchange coverage options and public assistance programs.

House Bill No. 1475 Section 1 authorized \$42,617,925 of which \$8,736,675 are general funds to support the modernization of DHS's eligibility determination systems. The first phase of the project will be focused on meeting the requirements of the ACA.

DHS has submitted an Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to secure the federal fund match for the appropriation. DHS anticipates CMS approval of the IAPD within the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to address them at this time.