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Comment about

Task 3

Financing/ Expenditure Models

Relating to “develop costs estimates; cost-control features,” I see a need for baseline data on units of service in the current environment, as well as what is currently being paid for those units. We can expect to see wide variation in what different providers / facilities are being paid, both across the state, but even within geographically contiguous health service areas.

Without baseline indexing, I don’t see how realistic models and budgets can be developed as this process moves forward.

I realize this is potentially one of the most contentious and controversial topics. But we must consider and reach agreements on what should be paid for a unit of service, and what are the best combinations of services to be given. This also relates to Task 2 Provider Reimbursement.//

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