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Sen. Morse calls on NH Attorney General to review MMIS contact

Says on-going delays with HHS computer system designed to significantly improve payment of Medicaid bills is unacceptable

(Concord) Senator Chuck Morse, R-Salem, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, made the following statement today during the meeting of the Fiscal Committee. It concerns the protracted delays with the state's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) computer contract:

"The on-going delays related to completion of the MMIS project are unacceptable. The state has been more than reasonable with MMIS in granting extensions in the past. However, no further delays can be justified.

"I am also very concerned that the consultant's report due on October 1, 2011, has not been completed and is not near completion. The Legislature made it clear in HB 2 that it expected an independent analysis of this contract by the end of the month.

"We are running out of patience and options. I believe it is time for the Attorney General's Office to play a more active role in ensuring that MMIS lives up to its contractual agreements with the state. We also need to ensure that MMIS is held fully responsible for the on-going delays in completing this project.

"This has been going on for too long, and while I regret that we have to involve attorneys to move forward, I don't think we have any other choice at this time."

New Hampshire Attorney General Michael Delaney attended the Fiscal Committee meeting and assured committee members he will meet with lawyers for Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), the company in charge of the MMIS project, to review the contract performance to date. Morse also requested that Delaney report back to Fiscal regarding the state's legal options at this point and to share any recommendations he may have on how the Legislature should proceed.

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