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**Health Care Committee**

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**HB 1365**

**Brief Description:** Concerning home and community services' case management responsibilities.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Appleton, Bailey and Cody; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to contract for case management services.
- Limits the role of Area Agencies on Aging to reassessing and reauthorizing services in areas where a contractor is providing case management services.

**Hearing Date:** 2/3/05

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

Area Agencies on Aging provide case management services to clients who are eligible to receive home and community services.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to contract with alternative delivery systems to provide case management services to clients. If the Department contracts for the delivery of case management services, it may limit the responsibility of Area Agencies on Aging to reassessing and reauthorizing services.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.