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### Contractor To Stop Managing Child Care

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) \_ A state contractor that manages child welfare cases in eastern and southeast Nebraska is relinquishing its duties because of a financial dispute.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services announced Tuesday that the state and KVC Nebraska have agreed to end the contracted services, effective March 1.

Department CEO Kerry Winterer says the state is prepared to assume case management duties in the affected areas. But he says another lead contractor, Nebraska Families Collaborative, may assume some of the duties.

Winterer said the split between KVC and the state stemmed from a disagreement over additional money KVC had requested to continue providing services.

Interim child services director Scot Adams says Nebraska will continue to contract with KVC as a foster care provider.

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