

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB11

Chairman: Senator Jim Scheer

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: March 2, 2015

The following constitute the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill will eliminate the automatic disqualification by the Department of Health and Human Services' Managed Care contractors, of trained, licensed nurses from providing Medicaid covered nursing services to a family member for compensation. That service is expressly authorized, proper, and legal under Nebraska's Nurse Practice Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. section 38-2218(2), but the Department's managed care contractor has prohibited it nevertheless under its own internal rules, handbooks, and guidelines. If enacted, LB 11 would invalidate such a prohibition.

The bill as drafted will need to be amended so that the statutory change is to section 68-908, rather than the section in chapter 44, as the bill currently reads. That amendment will apply the change to the Department's own managed care contractors only, and not to other managed care health plans, such as those serving clients of health insurers generally.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Krist, District 10