

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188

Introduced by Dorn, 30; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Prokop, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the significance of the state financial partnership with the federal government in delivering health services to Nebraskans through the medicaid program. Medicaid is a large part of the state's budget, but provides critical support for health care and stimulates local economies. Medicaid is complex but is integral to the federal and state health care system.

In 2024, 342,546 children and adults were insured by medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Thirty-two percent of children and youths up to eighteen years of age in Nebraska are covered by medicaid. Twelve percent of adults, including disabled Nebraskans and very low-income families, access health care through medicaid. Thirty-three percent of adults living in rural areas from nineteen through sixty-four years of age access health care through medicaid. Eighty-seven percent of youths from twelve to seventeen years of age in Nebraska with mental health diagnoses access health care through medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. This study will focus on understanding the impact of how the programs work in Nebraska and how changes to funding may impact Nebraskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.