



**Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 1242**

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**Hearing Date:** February 8, 2006  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Foley)

**Title:** Provide for local public health departments to provide certain medical testing, diagnosis, and treatment

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

- 5 Yes                      Senator Jensen, Byars, Cunningham, Erdman and Stuthman
  - No
  - 2 Present, not voting    Senator Johnson and Howard
  - Absent
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**Proponents:**

Senator Foley  
Christine Peterson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Health and Human Services System

**Opponents:**

Stephanie Clark  
Debi Lempka  
Cathi Sampson  
Laura Urbanec  
Barbara Harrington  
Colleen Kennedy

**Representing:**

Family Health Services, Inc.  
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Northeast Nebraska Family Health Services  
Central Health Center  
Hastings Family Planning, Inc.  
Panhandle Community Services

**Neutral:**

Rebecca Rayman

**Representing:**

East Central Health District

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** LB 1242 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (department) to contract with local public health departments to provide the following services to patients with family incomes equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level: (1) pap smears, colposcopy, cervical biopsy, cryotherapy, loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP), and “such other treatments and procedures as may be developed to follow up on abnormal pap smears,” and (2) the “diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases,

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including, but not limited to, chlamydia, gonorrhea, human papilloma virus (genetal warts), and herpes.”

Contracts must also provide for laboratory equipment and staff training costs relating to the use of colposcopy equipment.

The department may contract with other health care providers for such services so that those services are reasonably available throughout the state.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** The committee amendment (AM 2203) becomes the bill. The amendment permits the department to contract with local public health departments, federally qualified health centers, certified rural health clinics, general acute hospitals, critical access hospitals, Indian health services and facilities, public health clinics, and private health care providers to provide the services described above.

Funding under the program may not be used for any other purpose. The department may prioritize applications for contracts with a preference for local public health departments and federally qualified health centers. The department is required to select sufficient providers to ensure statewide availability of services. The department may contract with a provider who provides some but not all of the services described above if necessary to make such services available.

The amendment provides Legislative intent to utilize \$519,841 appropriated for FY 2006-07 in section 118 of LB 425 (2005) for services described in the amendment.

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**Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson**