

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB871

Hearing Date: Friday January 20, 2012
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Gloor
One Liner: Provide for policies relating to fees and copays relating to the Behavioral Health Services Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Lambert
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Mike Gloor Scot Adams Beth Baxter Scott Dugan	Representing: District #35 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 871 exempts the regional behavioral health authorities from the methodology used by the Division of Behavioral Health in determining a consumer's financial eligibility that includes asset determination and copays.

The bill provides that each regional behavior health authority shall adopt a policy for determining financial eligibility for consumers utilizing community-based behavioral health services in the region. The method shall include taxable income, number of family members, liabilities of the client, and other factors as determined by the division. The governing board of each region will approve the methodology and include it in their annual budget plan to the Division of Behavioral Health. Providers shall charge consistent with the schedule of fees and copays, but not in excess of the actual cost of the service, and charge in uniformity within the region.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson