

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1076

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 05, 2014
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Campbell
One Liner: Provide for medicaid reimbursement rates and services for home health care

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Kathy Campbell	District 25
Kendall Nelson	Self
Janet Seelhoff	Nebraska Association of Home and Community Health Agencies
Stephanie Wiese	Elite Professionals Home Care Company
Ryan Beethe	Maxim Healthcare
Robert Rieck	Self
Lana Wood	Fistcare Home Health

Opponents: **Representing:**

Neutral: **Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1076 provides that The legislature finds that (a) the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides for Medicaid reimbursement to permit disabled or elderly adults to live at home rather than in long-term care facilities, (b) States may apply for federal funds to implement programs with that aim, and (c) A number of states are already doing so and will publish the results of those efforts when their programs are completed.

The bill states that beginning January 1, 2014, for Medicaid authorization and payment for home health care services, there shall be no reduction in reimbursement rates or limitation on services including, but not limited to, extended-home nursing services, second visit on same day, and nursing services for adults twenty-one years or age and older until Balancing Incentives Programs under the ACA have been completed and the department can review the results of these programs with the goal of assessing and improving Nebraska's provision of medicaid home health services.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee amendment corrects LB 1076 language that mandated no reduction in reimbursement rates and "no limitation" on services. The language is amended to "no changes in limitations" on services for Medicaid home health. This will clarify that the intent of the bill is to not change the current program, rather than imply that there are to be no

limitations.

Additionally, the amendment more accurately reflects the services that are not to be changed and are to remain in place until the results of Balancing Incentives Programs can be assessed. The amendment specifies "services including, but not limited to, more than one home health visit in a day to provide skilled nursing services, nursing services, and aide services".

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson