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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to adult day services; to amend section 68-1206,  
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections  
3 68-908, 68-1204, and 81-2270, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2012; to require a uniform rate for  
5 reimbursement; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the  
6 original sections.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 68-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3           68-908 (1) The department shall administer the medical  
4 assistance program.

5           (2) The department may (a) enter into contracts and  
6 interagency agreements, (b) adopt and promulgate rules and  
7 regulations, (c) adopt fee schedules, (d) apply for and implement  
8 waivers and managed care plans for services for eligible recipients,  
9 including services under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act,  
10 and (e) perform such other activities as necessary and appropriate to  
11 carry out its duties under the Medical Assistance Act. A covered item  
12 or service as described in section 68-911 that is furnished through a  
13 school-based health center, furnished by a provider, and furnished  
14 under a managed care plan pursuant to a waiver does not require prior  
15 consultation or referral by a patient's primary care physician to be  
16 covered. Any federally qualified health center providing services as  
17 a sponsoring facility of a school-based health center shall be  
18 reimbursed for such services provided at a school-based health center  
19 at the federally qualified health center reimbursement rate. Rates  
20 for adult day services shall be subject to section 81-2270.

21           (3) The department shall maintain the confidentiality of  
22 information regarding applicants for or recipients of medical  
23 assistance and such information shall only be used for purposes  
24 related to administration of the medical assistance program and the  
25 provision of such assistance or as otherwise permitted by federal

1 law.

2 (4)(a) The department shall prepare an annual summary and  
3 analysis of the medical assistance program for legislative and public  
4 review, including, but not limited to, a description of eligible  
5 recipients, covered services, provider reimbursement, program trends  
6 and projections, program budget and expenditures, the status of  
7 implementation of the Medicaid Reform Plan, and recommendations for  
8 program changes.

9 (b) The department shall provide a draft report of such  
10 summary and analysis to the Medicaid Reform Council no later than  
11 September 15 of each year. The council shall conduct a public meeting  
12 no later than October 1 of each year to discuss and receive public  
13 comment regarding such report. The council shall provide any comments  
14 and recommendations regarding such report in writing to the  
15 department no later than November 1 of each year. The department  
16 shall submit a final report of such summary and analysis to the  
17 Governor, the Legislature, and the council no later than December 1  
18 of each year. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be  
19 submitted electronically. Such final report shall include a response  
20 to each written recommendation provided by the council.

21 Sec. 2. Section 68-1204, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
22 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

23 68-1204 (1) For the purpose of providing or purchasing  
24 social services described in section 68-1202, the state hereby  
25 accepts and assents to all applicable provisions of the federal

1 Social Security Act, as amended. The Department of Health and Human  
2 Services may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, enter into  
3 agreements, and adopt fee schedules with regard to social services  
4 described in section 68-1202. Rates for adult day services shall be  
5 subject to section 81-2270.

6 (2) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and  
7 regulations to administer funds under Title XX of the federal Social  
8 Security Act, as amended, designated for specialized developmental  
9 disability services.

10 Sec. 3. Section 68-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
11 Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 68-1206 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services  
13 shall administer the program of social services in this state. The  
14 department may contract with other social agencies for the purchase  
15 of social services at rates not to exceed those prevailing in the  
16 state or the cost at which the department could provide those  
17 services except as otherwise provided in section 81-2270. The  
18 statutory maximum payments for the separate program of aid to  
19 dependent children shall apply only to public assistance grants and  
20 shall not apply to payments for social services.

21 (2) In determining the rate or rates to be paid by the  
22 department for child care as defined in section 43-2605, the  
23 department shall adopt a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a  
24 fixed-rate schedule for an area of the state applicable to each child  
25 care program category of provider as defined in section 71-1910 which

1 may claim reimbursement for services provided by the federal Child  
2 Care Subsidy program, except that the department shall not pay a rate  
3 higher than that charged by an individual provider to that provider's  
4 private clients. The schedule may provide separate rates for care for  
5 infants, for children with special needs, including disabilities or  
6 technological dependence, or for other individual categories of  
7 children. The schedule shall be effective on October 1 of every year  
8 and shall be revised annually by the department.

9           Sec. 4. Section 81-2270, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
10 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

11           81-2270 (1) Services identified by care plans for those  
12 not eligible for services provided through the home and community-  
13 based waiver for the aged and disabled may be purchased with funds  
14 appropriated through section 81-2235 based on a sliding-fee scale.

15           (2) The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the  
16 Department of Health and Human Services shall establish and pay a  
17 uniform rate for adult day services regardless of the source of funds  
18 used to reimburse providers of adult day services. Such rate shall be  
19 the rate established for payment of such services under the medicaid  
20 waiver.

21           Sec. 5. Original section 68-1206, Reissue Revised  
22 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-908, 68-1204, and 81-2270,  
23 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.