

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB20

Hearing Date: Monday March 01, 2021
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Blood
One Liner: Provide for insurance coverage of and medicaid access to prescribed contraceptives

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Bostar, Flood, McCollister, Pahls, Williams
Nay:	1	Senator Slama
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Lindstrom

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Carol Blood
Tiffany Joekel
Meg Mikolajczyk
Scout Richters
Karen Bell-Dancy

Representing:

Introducer
Women's Fund of Omaha
Planned Parenthood North Central States
ACLU of Nebraska
YMCA of Lincoln

Opponents:

Eric Dunning
Robert Bell
Marion Miner

Representing:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
Nebraska Insurance Federation
Nebraska Catholic Conference

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Opponents:

Nate Grasz
Ron Sedlacek

Representing:

Representing:

Nebraska Family Alliance
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would amend the health insurance statutes and the Medical Assistance Act to establish requirements for the coverage and dispensation of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.

The bill would enact a new section to provided that any individual or group sickness and accident insurance policy or subscriber contract and any hospital, medical, or surgical expense-incurred policy, and any self-funded employee benefit plan to the extent not preempted by federal law shall include coverage for a self-administered hormonal contraceptive and shall reimburse an in-network health care provider or dispensing entity on a per-unit basis for a supply as follow: for the first prescription, at least up to a three-month supply, if so prescribed; and for refills, up to a twelve-month supply, if so prescribed.

The bill would enact a new section, to be assigned within the Medical Assistance Act, that would provide that in providing family planning services and supplies under the medical assistance program, the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that a prescription for the dispensation, at one time, of a twelve-month supply of a covered self-administered hormonal contraceptive is provided as prescribed.

Explanation of amendments:

LB20 Committee Amendments

The committee amendments would become the bill. They would make the following changes:

The amendments would provide that the bill's requirements would only apply to policies, contracts, and plans that do include coverage for self-administered hormonal contraceptives.

The amendments would reduce the requirements for a "twelve-month" supply to a "six-month" supply of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.

The amendments would add a subsection to Section 1 to provide that a policy, contract, or plan shall be exempt from the section's requirements for a year if the cost of coverage would likely exceed one percent of all premiums collected for the year.

Matt Williams, Chairperson