

AMENDMENTS TO LB130

Introduced by Appropriations.

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 68-949, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 68-949 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department
6 implement reforms to the medical assistance program such as those
7 contained in the Medicaid Reform Plan, including (a) an incremental
8 expansion of home and community-based services for aged persons and
9 persons with disabilities consistent with such plan, (b) an increase in
10 care coordination or disease management initiatives to better manage
11 medical assistance expenditures on behalf of high-cost recipients with
12 multiple or chronic medical conditions, and (c) other reforms as deemed
13 necessary and appropriate by the department, in consultation with the
14 committee.

15 (2) The department shall develop recommendations based on a
16 comprehensive analysis of various options available to the state under
17 applicable federal law for the provision of medical assistance to persons
18 with disabilities who are employed, including persons with a medically
19 improved disability, to enhance and replace current eligibility
20 provisions contained in subdivision (8) of section 68-915.

21 (3) The department shall develop recommendations for further
22 modification or replacement of the defined benefit structure of the
23 medical assistance program. Such recommendations shall be consistent with
24 the public policy in section 68-905 and shall consider the needs and
25 resources of low-income Nebraska residents who are eligible or may become
26 eligible for medical assistance, the experience and outcomes of other
27 states that have developed and implemented such changes, and other

1 relevant factors as determined by the department.

2 (4)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the total amount
3 appropriated to the department for medicaid nursing facility rates be
4 used in the medicaid nursing facility rate calculation, including the
5 calculation of the annual inflation factor. The total amount appropriated
6 for medicaid nursing facility rates shall include amounts for rate
7 enhancement and any other purpose related to medicaid nursing facility
8 services and shall be used as the base for funding for the following
9 fiscal year.

10 (b) The department shall file a report electronically with the
11 Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Clerk of the Legislature no later than
12 August 1 of each year identifying how the inflation factor was calculated
13 for that year's medicaid nursing facility rates.

14 (c) The department shall file a report electronically with the
15 Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Clerk of the Legislature between
16 December 15 and December 31 of each year identifying the amount of any
17 remaining unobligated appropriation from the prior appropriations
18 earmarked for medicaid nursing facility payments. The report shall
19 include an identification of encumbrances and retroactive payments.

20 Sec. 2. Original section 68-949, Reissue Revised Statutes of
21 Nebraska, is repealed.