

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB204

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 01, 2023
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Riepe
One Liner: Provide for reimbursement for pharmacy dispensing fees under the medical assistance program

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Hardin, Riepe, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Merv Riepe
David Kohll
Marcia Mueting
Rich Otto

Alex Dworak MD

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Pharmacists' Association
Nebraska Pharmacists' Association
Nebraska Retail Association/Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Self

Opponents:

Kevin Bagley

Representing:

DHHS Long Term Care Director

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB204 provides a \$10.38 medicaid dispensing fee per filled prescription.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY

Sec 1: Include the appropriate section of this bill under the Medical Assistance Act

Sec 2: Beginning July 1, 2024 DHHS shall establish a pharmacy dispensing fee of \$10.38 per

Rx until an actual cost can be established through a Dispensing Survey. DHHS shall amend all Medicaid contracts to adhere to this section. On or before 12/15/24 DHHS shall submit a report to the Clerk providing recommendations for adjusting the pharmacy dispensing fee.

Sec 3: Repealer

Explanation of amendments:

AM1418 narrows the pharmacies impacted to independent pharmacies owning six or less pharmacies.

Ben Hansen, Chairperson