

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB204

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 01, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 204 would, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, contingent upon implementation of contractual agreements with Medicaid managed care organizations, direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a fee-for-service pharmacy dispensing fee reimbursement of \$10.38 per prescription for pharmacies participating in the medical assistance program and until a cost of dispensing survey is completed. The legislation further requires the Department to administer a cost of dispensing survey to be completed by all medical assistance program participating pharmacies every two years to establish the dispensing fee going forward. The Department is also required to amend all Medicaid managed care organization contracts to authorize establishment of a managed care pharmacy dispensing fee reimbursement in accordance with the fee-for-service pharmacy dispensing fee reimbursement per prescription established by the Department initially and pursuant to the cost of dispensing survey results thereafter.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe