

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1031**

Introduced by Dorn, 30.

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access  
2 Assessment Fund; to require appropriations; and to state intent  
3 regarding rates.  
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1       **Section 1.** (1) The Legislature shall appropriate one million five  
2       hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 and one million five  
3       hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2026-27 from the Hospital  
4       Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Fund to the Department of Health  
5       and Human Services for the medical assistance program to be used to  
6       provide reimbursement to mental health providers who do not practice in a  
7       hospital and who provide behavioral health services to medicaid-eligible  
8       participants who are dually eligible beneficiaries that are eligible for  
9       both medicaid and medicare. For dual eligible recipients, the higher  
10       medicaid or medicare rate shall be paid for behavioral health services.

11       (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to sustain the medicaid  
12       rates for mental health providers serving medicaid-eligible participants  
13       who are dually eligible beneficiaries that are eligible for both medicaid  
14       and medicare and who are receiving behavioral health services under the  
15       medical assistance program.