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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 210**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to population health information; to amend 2 sections 81-6,123, 81-6,124, 81-6,125, and 81-6,126, Reissue Revised 3 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-2454, Revised Statutes 4 Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the prescription drug monitoring the designated 5 program, 6 information exchange, and the Population Health Information Act; to 7 define terms; to provide for assessments; to create a fund; to 8 require reports regarding managed care organizations; to require 9 sharing of vital statistics data; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency. 10

11 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- **Section 1.** Section 71-2454, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 71-2454 (1) An entity described in section 71-2455 shall establish a
- 4 system of prescription drug monitoring for the purposes of (a) preventing
- 5 the misuse of controlled substances that are prescribed, (b) allowing
- 6 prescribers and dispensers to monitor the care and treatment of patients
- 7 for whom such a prescription drug is prescribed to ensure that such
- 8 prescription drugs are used for medically appropriate purposes, (c)
- 9 providing information to improve the health and safety of patients, and
- 10 (d) ensuring that the State of Nebraska remains on the cutting edge of
- 11 medical information technology.
- 12 (2) Such system of prescription drug monitoring shall be implemented
- 13 as follows: Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, all
- 14 prescription drug information shall be reported to the prescription drug
- 15 monitoring system. The prescription drug monitoring system shall include,
- 16 but not be limited to, provisions that:
- 17 (a) Prohibit any patient from opting out of the prescription drug
- 18 monitoring system;
- 19 (b) Require any prescription drug that is dispensed in this state or
- 20 to an address in this state to be entered into the system by the
- 21 dispenser or his or her delegate no less frequently than daily after such
- 22 prescription drug is sold, including prescription drugs for patients
- 23 paying cash or otherwise not relying on a third-party payor for payment,
- 24 except that prescriptions labeled "for emergency use" or "for use in
- 25 immunizations" are not required to be reported;
- 26 (c) Allow <u>any prescriber or dispenser</u> <del>all prescribers or dispensers</del>
- 27 of prescription drugs to access the system <u>upon payment of any access fee</u>
- 28 <u>charged</u> at no cost to such prescriber or dispenser;
- 29 (d) Ensure that such system includes information relating to all
- 30 payors, including, but not limited to, the medical assistance program
- 31 established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act; and

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1 (e) Make the prescription drug information available to the 2 statewide health information exchange described in section 71-2455 for access by its participants upon payment of any access fee charged if such 3 access is in compliance with the privacy and security protections set 4 forth in the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and 5 1996, Public Law 104-191, 6 Accountability Act of and regulations promulgated thereunder, except that if a patient opts out of the 7 statewide health information exchange, the prescription drug information 8

regarding that patient shall not be accessible by the participants in the

11 (f) Authorize the operator to charge for access fees.

statewide health information exchange; and -

- (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, prescription drug information that shall be submitted electronically to the prescription drug monitoring system shall be determined by the entity described in section 71-2455 and shall include, but not be limited to:
- 16 (a) The patient's name, address, telephone number, if a telephone
  17 number is available, gender, and date of birth;
- (b) A patient identifier such as a military identification number, driver's license number, state identification card number, or other valid government-issued identification number, insurance identification number, pharmacy software-generated patient-specific identifier, or other identifier associated specifically with the patient;
- (c) The name and address of the pharmacy dispensing the prescription drug;
- 25 (d) The date the prescription is issued;
- (e) The date the prescription is filled;
- 27 (f) The date the prescription is sold to the patient;
- 28 (g) The number of refills authorized;
- (h) The prescription number of the prescription drug;
- (i) The National Drug Code number as published by the federal Food and Drug Administration of the prescription drug;

- 1 (j) The strength of the prescription drug prescribed;
- 2 (k) The quantity of the prescription drug prescribed and the number
- 3 of days' supply;
- 4 (1) The prescriber's name and National Provider Identifier number or
- 5 Drug Enforcement Administration number when reporting a controlled
- 6 substance; and
- 7 (m) Additional information as determined by the Health Information
- 8 Technology Board and as published in the submitter guide for the
- 9 prescription drug monitoring system.
- 10 (4) Beginning July 1, 2018, a veterinarian licensed under the
- 11 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act shall be required to report
- 12 the dispensing of prescription drugs which are controlled substances
- 13 listed on Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V pursuant
- 14 to section 28-405. Each such veterinarian shall indicate that the
- 15 prescription is an animal prescription and shall include the following
- 16 information in such report:
- 17 (a) The first and last name and address, including city, state, and
- 18 zip code, of the individual to whom the prescription drug is dispensed in
- 19 accordance with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
- 20 (b) Reporting status;
- 21 (c) The first and last name of the prescribing veterinarian and his
- 22 or her federal Drug Enforcement Administration number;
- 23 (d) The National Drug Code number as published by the federal Food
- 24 and Drug Administration of the prescription drug and the prescription
- 25 number;
- 26 (e) The date the prescription is written and the date the
- 27 prescription is filled;
- 28 (f) The number of refills authorized, if any; and
- 29 (g) The quantity of the prescription drug and the number of days'
- 30 supply.
- 31 (5)(a) All prescription drug information submitted pursuant to this

- 1 section, all data contained in the prescription drug monitoring system,
- 2 and any report obtained from data contained in the prescription drug
- 3 monitoring system are confidential, are privileged, are not public
- 4 records, and may be withheld pursuant to section 84-712.05 except for
- 5 information released as provided in subsection (9) or (10) of this
- 6 section.
- 7 (b) No patient-identifying data as defined in section 81-664,
- 8 including the data collected under subsection (3) of this section, shall
- 9 be disclosed, made public, or released to any public or private person or
- 10 entity except to the statewide health information exchange described in
- 11 section 71-2455 and its participants, to prescribers and dispensers as
- 12 provided in subsection (2) of this section, or as provided in subsection
- 13 (7), (9), or (10) of this section.
- 14 (c) All other data is for the confidential use of the department and
- 15 the statewide health information exchange described in section 71-2455
- 16 and its participants. The department, or the statewide health information
- 17 exchange in accordance with policies adopted by the Health Information
- 18 Technology Board and in collaboration with the department, may release
- 19 such information in accordance with the privacy and security provisions
- 20 set forth in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
- 21 Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and regulations promulgated thereunder,
- 22 as Class I, Class II, or Class IV data in accordance with section 81-667,
- 23 except for purposes in accordance with subsection (9) or (10) of this
- 24 section, to the private or public persons or entities that the department
- 25 or the statewide health information exchange, in accordance with policies
- 26 adopted by the Health Information Technology Board, determines may view
- 27 such records as provided in sections 81-663 to 81-675. In addition, the
- 28 department, or the statewide health information exchange in accordance
- 29 with policies adopted by the Health Information Technology Board and in
- 30 collaboration with the department, may release such information as
- 31 provided in subsection (9) or (10) of this section.

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- 1 (6) The statewide health information exchange described in section 2 71-2455, in accordance with policies adopted by the Health Information 3 Technology Board and in collaboration with the department, shall 4 establish the minimum administrative, physical, and technical safeguards 5 necessary to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of
- 7 (7) If the entity receiving the prescription drug information has privacy protections at least as restrictive as those set forth in this 8 9 section and has implemented and maintains the minimum safeguards required by subsection (6) of this section, the statewide health information 10 exchange described in section 71-2455, in accordance with policies 11 adopted by the Health Information Technology Board and in collaboration 12 13 with the department, may release the prescription drug information and any other data collected pursuant to this section to: 14
- 15 (a) Other state prescription drug monitoring programs;
- 16 (b) State and regional health information exchanges;

prescription drug information.

- 17 (c) The medical director and pharmacy director of the Division of 18 Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the department, or their designees;
- 19 (d) The medical directors and pharmacy directors of medicaid-managed care entities, the state's medicaid drug utilization review board, and 20 any other state-administered health insurance program or its designee if 21 any such entities have a current data-sharing agreement with the 22 23 statewide health information exchange described in section 71-2455, and 24 if such release is in accordance with the privacy and security provisions 25 of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and all regulations promulgated thereunder; 26
- (e) Organizations which facilitate the interoperability and mutual exchange of information among state prescription drug monitoring programs or state or regional health information exchanges; or
- 30 (f) Electronic health record systems or pharmacy-dispensing software 31 systems for the purpose of integrating prescription drug information into

1 a patient's medical record.

- (8) The department, or the statewide health information exchange 2 described in section 71-2455, in accordance with policies adopted by the 3 Health Information Technology Board and in collaboration with the 4 department, may release to patients their prescription drug information 5 collected pursuant to this section. Upon request of the patient, such 6 7 information may be released directly to the patient or a personal health record system designated by the patient which has privacy protections at 8 9 least as restrictive as those set forth in this section and that has implemented and maintains the minimum safeguards required by subsection 10 (6) of this section. 11
- (9) In accordance with the privacy and security provisions set forth 12 13 in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and regulations promulgated thereunder, the 14 department, or the statewide health information exchange described in 15 16 section 71-2455 under policies adopted by the Health Information 17 Technology Board, may release data collected pursuant to this section for statistical, public policy, or educational purposes after removing 18 19 information which identifies or could reasonably be used to identify the patient, prescriber, dispenser, or other person who is the subject of the 20 information, except as otherwise provided in subsection (10) of this 21 22 section.
- 23 (10) In accordance with the privacy and security provisions set 24 forth in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and regulations promulgated thereunder, the 25 department, or statewide health information exchange described in section 26 71-2455 under policies adopted by the Health Information Technology 27 Board, may release data collected pursuant to this section for quality 28 measures as approved or regulated by state or federal agencies or for 29 patient quality improvement or research initiatives approved by the 30 31 Health Information Technology Board.

- 1 (11) The statewide health information exchange described in section 71-2455, entities described in subsection (7) of this section, or the 2 3 department may request and receive program information from other 4 prescription drug monitoring programs for use in the prescription drug monitoring system in this state in accordance with the privacy and 5 security provisions set forth in the federal Health Insurance Portability 6 and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and regulations 7 8 promulgated thereunder.
- 9 (12) The statewide health information exchange described in section 10 71-2455, in collaboration with the department, shall implement 11 technological improvements to facilitate the secure collection of, and 12 access to, prescription drug information in accordance with this section.
- 13 (13)(a) (13) Before accessing the prescription drug monitoring system, any user shall undergo training on the purpose of the system, 14 access to and proper usage of the system, and the law relating to the 15 system, including confidentiality and security of the prescription drug 16 monitoring system. Such training shall be administered by the statewide 17 health information exchange described in section 71-2455 or 18 department. The statewide health information exchange described in 19 section 71-2455 shall have access to the prescription drug monitoring 20 system for training operations, maintenance, and administrative purposes. 21 Users who have been trained prior to May 10, 2017, or who are granted 22 23 access by an entity receiving prescription drug information pursuant to 24 subsection (7) of this section, are deemed to be in compliance with the 25 training requirement of this subsection.
- (b) The operator may assess users of the prescription drug
  monitoring system, other than pharmacy benefit managers, a fee for use of
  the system. The operator may collect the fees and pursue legal action for
  uncollected assessments. The operator may impose interest charges or
  other penalties on a user that fails to pay an assessment in a timely
  manner.

- 1 (14) The department shall impose fees on every pharmacy benefit
- 2 <u>manager for operational</u>, <u>nontreatment use of the prescription drug</u>
- 3 monitoring system. The fee shall be XXX. The department shall remit the
- 4 fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the Population Health
- 5 Information Assessment Fund.
- 6 (15) <del>(14)</del> For purposes of this section:
- 7 (a) Deliver or delivery means to actually, constructively, or
- 8 attempt to transfer a drug or device from one person to another, whether
- 9 or not for consideration;
- 10 (b) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 11 (c) Delegate means any licensed or registered health care
- 12 professional credentialed under the Uniform Credentialing Act designated
- 13 by a prescriber or dispenser to act as an agent of the prescriber or
- 14 dispenser for purposes of submitting or accessing data in the
- 15 prescription drug monitoring system and who is supervised by such
- 16 prescriber or dispenser;
- 17 (d) Prescription drug or drugs means a prescription drug or drugs
- 18 dispensed by delivery to the ultimate user or caregiver by or pursuant to
- 19 the lawful order of a prescriber but does not include (i) the delivery of
- 20 such prescription drug for immediate use for purposes of inpatient
- 21 hospital care or emergency department care, (ii) the administration of a
- 22 prescription drug by an authorized person upon the lawful order of a
- 23 prescriber, (iii) a wholesale distributor of a prescription drug
- 24 monitored by the prescription drug monitoring system, or (iv) the
- 25 dispensing to a nonhuman patient of a prescription drug which is not a
- 26 controlled substance listed in Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or
- 27 Schedule V of section 28-405;
- 28 (e) Dispenser means a person authorized in the jurisdiction in which
- 29 he or she is practicing to deliver a prescription drug to the ultimate
- 30 user or caregiver by or pursuant to the lawful order of a prescriber;
- 31 (f) Operator means the operator of the prescription drug monitoring

- 1 system and the designated health information exchange;
- 2 (g) (f) Participant means an individual or entity that has entered
- 3 into a participation agreement with the statewide health information
- 4 exchange described in section 71-2455 which requires the individual or
- 5 entity to comply with the privacy and security protections set forth in
- 6 the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and
- 7 Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and regulations
- 8 promulgated thereunder; and
- 9 (h) Pharmacy benefit manager means a person that negotiates
- 10 prescription drug price and rebate arrangements with manufacturers or
- 11 labelers of prescription drugs; and
- 12 (i) (g) Prescriber means a health care professional authorized to
- 13 prescribe in the profession which he or she practices.
- 14 Sec. 2. Section 81-6,123, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 81-6,123 Sections 81-6,123 to <u>81-6,128 and sections 6 to 9 of this</u>
- 17 <u>act</u> <del>81-6,126</del> shall be known and may be cited as the Population Health
- 18 Information Act.
- 19 Sec. 3. Section 81-6,124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 20 amended to read:
- 21 81-6,124 For purposes of the Population Health Information Act:
- 22 (1) Clinical information means information related to the diagnosis
- 23 and treatment of health conditions or services provided for health
- 24 conditions;
- 25 (2) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 26 (3) Designated health information exchange means the statewide
- 27 health information exchange described in section 71-2455;
- 28 (4) Nonfederal costs means the costs of operating the designated
- 29 <u>health information exchange and prescription drug monitoring program that</u>
- 30 are not covered by federal reimbursement under the medical assistance
- 31 program;

- 1 (5) (4) Health care entity means a health care facility as defined
- 2 in section 71-413, a home health agency as defined in section 71-417, an
- 3 urgent care treatment center, a laboratory, a medicaid managed care
- 4 organization, a federally qualified health center, a health care
- 5 practitioner facility as defined in section 71-414, a dental facility, a
- 6 local public health department, a health insurance carrier, or any other
- 7 organization or entity providing health care services in Nebraska;
- 8 (6) (5) Health care provider means a person practicing as a health
- 9 care professional under the Uniform Credentialing Act; and
- 10 (7) Operator means the operator of the prescription drug monitoring
- 11 program and the designated health information exchange; and
- 12 (8) (6) Prescription drug monitoring program means the program
- 13 created under section 71-2454.
- 14 Sec. 4. Section 81-6,125, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 81-6,125 (1) The <u>purposes</u> <del>purpose</del> of the Population Health
- 17 Information Act <u>are</u> <del>is</del> to designate a health information exchange to
- 18 provide the data infrastructure needed to assist in creating a healthier
- 19 Nebraska and operating the electronic health records initiative and to
- 20 provide for one or more assessments to be imposed to provide for
- 21 <u>sustainability</u> of the <u>designated</u> health information exchange and
- 22 prescription drug monitoring program.
- 23 (2) The designated health information exchange shall:
- 24 (a) Aggregate clinical information from health care entities needed
- 25 to support the operation of the medical assistance program under the
- 26 Medical Assistance Act;
- 27 (b) Act as the designated entity for purposes of access to and
- 28 analysis of health data;
- 29 (c) Collect and analyze data for purposes of informing the
- 30 Legislature, the department, health care providers, and health care
- 31 entities as to the cost of, access to, and quality of health care in

- 1 Nebraska;
- 2 (d) Act as a collector and reporter of public health data for
- 3 registry submissions, electronic laboratory reporting, immunization
- 4 reporting, and syndromic surveillance from an electronic health record,
- 5 which does not include claims data; and
- 6 (e) Enable any health care provider or health care entity to access
- 7 information available within the designated health information exchange
- 8 to evaluate and monitor care and treatment of a patient in accordance
- 9 with the privacy and security provisions set forth in the federal Health
- 10 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191.
- 11 (3)(a) On or before September 30, 2021, each health care facility
- 12 listed in subdivision (c) (b) of this subsection shall participate in the
- 13 designated health information exchange through sharing of clinical
- 14 information. Such clinical information shall include the clinical data
- 15 that the health care facility captured in its existing electronic health
- 16 record as permitted by state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.
- 17 Any patient health information shared with the designated health
- 18 information exchange as determined by policies adopted by the Health
- 19 Information Technology Board shall be provided in accordance with the
- 20 privacy and security provisions set forth in the federal Health Insurance
- 21 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and regulations adopted under
- 22 the act.
- 23 <u>(b) The operator may charge the health care facilities listed in</u>
- 24 subdivision (c) of this subsection. A health care facility shall promptly
- 25 pay the charge as a condition of conducting business in the State of
- 26 Nebraska.
- 27 <u>(c)</u> (b) This subsection applies to an ambulatory surgical center, a
- 28 critical access hospital, a general acute hospital, a health clinic, a
- 29 hospital, an intermediate care facility, a long-term care hospital, a
- 30 mental health substance use treatment center, a PACE center, a pharmacy,
- 31 a psychiatric or mental hospital, a public health clinic, or a

- 1 rehabilitation hospital, as such terms are defined in the Health Care
- 2 Facility Licensure Act, or a diagnostic, laboratory, or imaging center.
- $\frac{(d)}{(c)}$  This subsection does not apply to (i) a state-owned or
- 4 state-operated facility or (ii) an assisted-living facility, a nursing
- 5 facility, or a skilled nursing facility, as such terms are defined in the
- 6 Health Care Facility Licensure Act.
- 7 (e) (d) Any connection established by July 1, 2021, between a health
- 8 care facility and the designated health information exchange to
- 9 facilitate such participation shall be at no cost to the participating
- 10 health care facility.
- 11 (f) <del>(e)</del> A health care facility may apply to the board for a waiver
- 12 from the requirement to participate under this subsection due to a
- 13 technological burden. The board shall review the application and
- 14 determine whether to waive the requirement. If the board waives the
- 15 requirement for a health care facility, the board shall review the waiver
- 16 annually to determine if the health care facility continues to qualify
- 17 for the waiver.
- 18 (g) (f) The board shall not require a health care facility to
- 19 purchase or contract for an electronic records management system or
- 20 service.
- 21 (4)(a) On or before January 1, 2022, each health insurance plan
- 22 shall participate in the designated health information exchange through
- 23 sharing of information. Subject to subsection (5) of this section, such
- 24 information shall be determined by policies adopted by the Health
- 25 Information Technology Board.
- 26 <u>(b) The operator may charge the health insurance plans. A health</u>
- 27 insurance plan shall promptly pay the charge as a condition of doing
- 28 business in the State of Nebraska.
- 29 <u>(c) (b)</u> For purposes of this subsection:
- 30 (i) Health insurance plan includes any group or individual sickness
- 31 and accident insurance policy, health maintenance organization contract,

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- 1 subscriber contract, employee medical, surgical, or hospital care benefit
- 2 plan, or self-funded employee benefit plan to the extent not preempted by
- 3 federal law; and
- 4 (ii) Health insurance plan does not include (A) accident-only,
- 5 disability-income, hospital confinement indemnity, dental, hearing,
- 6 vision, or credit insurance, (B) coverage issued as a supplement to
- 7 liability insurance, (C) insurance provided as a supplement to medicare,
- 8 (D) insurance arising from workers' compensation provisions, (E)
- 9 automobile medical payment insurance, (F) insurance policies that provide
- 10 coverage for a specified disease or any other limited benefit coverage,
- 11 or (G) insurance under which benefits are payable with or without regard
- 12 to fault and which is statutorily required to be contained in any
- 13 liability insurance policy.
- 14 (5) The designated health information exchange and the department
- 15 shall enter into an agreement to allow the designated health information
- 16 exchange to collect, aggregate, analyze, report, and release de-
- 17 identified data, as defined by the federal Health Insurance Portability
- 18 and Accountability Act of 1996, that is derived from the administration
- 19 of the medical assistance program. Such written agreement shall be
- 20 executed no later than September 30, 2021.
- 21 (6) In addition to the right to opt out as provided in section
- 22 71-2454, an individual shall have the right to opt out of the designated
- 23 health information exchange or the sharing of information required under
- 24 subsections (3) and (4) of this section. The designated health
- 25 information exchange shall adopt a patient opt-out policy consistent with
- 26 the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
- 27 and other applicable federal requirements. Such policy shall not apply to
- 28 mandatory public health reporting requirements.
- 29 Sec. 5. Section 81-6,126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 30 amended to read:
- 31 81-6,126 (1) The department shall work collaboratively with the

- 1 designated health information exchange to access funding through federal
- 2 programs, which shall include, but not be limited to, the Centers for
- 3 Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control and
- 4 Prevention, and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the
- 5 United States Department of Health and Human Services, and other federal
- 6 programs related to health information, technology, population health,
- 7 and health care delivery system initiatives, for purposes of supporting
- 8 the designated health information exchange and the prescription drug
- 9 monitoring program.
- 10 (2) The department and the operator shall cooperate on
- 11 implementation of the assessment in section 6 of this act.
- 12 (3) (2) Nothing in the Population Health Information Act shall
- 13 preclude the department from working collaboratively with other entities
- 14 for purposes of collecting and analyzing data to inform the Legislature,
- 15 the department, health care providers, and health care entities regarding
- 16 the cost of, access to, and quality of health care in Nebraska.
- 17 Sec. 6. (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, the operator shall pay an
- 18 assessment on a quarterly basis. The department shall notify the operator
- 19 of the amount and due date of the assessments separately from any other
- 20 <u>state or federal tax liabilities and as otherwise allowed by federal law.</u>
- 21 The operator shall pay the quarterly assessment within sixty days after
- 22 receipt of notice of the assessment.
- 23 (2) The department shall determine the amount of each quarterly
- 24 assessment based on the most current understanding of nonfederal costs.
- 25 (3) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 26 to implement this section. The department shall include provisions for:
- 27 <u>(a) Calculating and levying assessments upon the operator; and</u>
- 28 (b) Providing protections for the operator against uncollected fees
- 29 <u>and interest penalties for any outstanding debt.</u>
- 30 (4) The department shall collect the assessment from the operator
- 31 and remit the assessment to the State Treasurer for credit to the

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- 1 Population Health Information Assessment Fund.
- Sec. 7. (1) The Population Health Information Assessment Fund is
- 3 created. It is the intent of the Legislature that the fund be used to
- 4 provide for nonfederal costs and to reimburse the department for the cost
- 5 of collecting the assessment in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty
- 6 thousand dollars annually.
- 7 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that no transfers shall be
- 8 made from the fund to the General Fund.
- 9 (3) Any money in the Population Health Information Assessment Fund
- 10 <u>available for investment shall be invested by the state investment</u>
- 11 <u>officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska</u>
- 12 State Funds Investment Act. Investment earnings shall be credited to the
- 13 <u>fund.</u>
- 14 Sec. 8. The department shall report to the Health Information
- 15 Technology Board the compliance status of each managed care organization
- 16 <u>operating in Nebraska regarding the sharing of claims information by June</u>
- 17 <u>30 of each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. Within sixty</u>
- 18 days after receiving this status report, the board shall report to the
- 19 <u>Department of Insurance the noncompliance status of managed care</u>
- 20 organizations participating in the medical assistance program.
- 21 **Sec. 9.** The department shall share its vital statistics data files
- 22 with the designated health information exchange and the operator on the
- 23 first business day of January, April, July, and October. The designated
- 24 <u>health information exchange and the operator shall then file a report</u>
- 25 electronically with the Health and Human Services Committee of the
- 26 Legislature regarding the return on investment of the designated health
- 27 <u>information exchange and prescription drug monitoring program on or</u>
- 28 before September 1 for the prior fiscal year.
- 29 **Sec. 10.** Original sections 81-6,123, 81-6,124, 81-6,125, and
- 30 81-6,126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-2454,
- 31 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

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1 Sec. 11. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when

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2 passed and approved according to law.