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SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 858

Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2025, LB261, section 107; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for community health centers; to state intent; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

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

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Section 1. Laws 2025, LB261, section 107, is amended to read:

Sec. 107. AGENCY NO. 25 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Program No. 502 - Public Health Aid

	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
GENERAL FUND	7,083,060	7,083,060
CASH FUND	9,339,000	10,230,000
~~CASH FUND~~	~~9,339,000~~	~~9,730,000~~
PROGRAM TOTAL	16,422,060	17,313,060
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There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26 $7,083,060 General Funds and $9,339,000 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 $7,083,060 General Funds and $10,230,000 ~~$9,730,000~~ Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $2,100,000 General Funds and for FY2026-27 $2,100,000 General Funds for the seven community health centers funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. Each of the following centers is to receive $300,000: Charles Drew Health Center, OneWorld Community Health Centers, East Central District Health Department — Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska, Midtown Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $1,400,000 General Funds and for FY2026-27 $1,400,000 General Funds for the seven community health centers funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996 for dental services. Each of the following centers is to receive $200,000: Charles Drew Health Center, OneWorld Community Health Centers, East Central District Health Department — Good Neighbor

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Community Health Center, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska, Midtown Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $325,000 General Funds and $750,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund and for FY2026-27 $325,000 General Funds and $750,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for the seven community health centers funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. Each center is to receive an amount to be distributed proportionally based on the previous fiscal year's number of uninsured clients as reported on the Uniform Data System Report provided to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Primary Health Care. The distribution shall be made to Charles Drew Health Center, OneWorld Community Health Centers, East Central District Health Department — Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Health Center, Midtown Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2026-27 $500,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for the seven community health centers funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. Each center is to receive an amount to be distributed proportionally based on the number of uninsured clients served in the previous fiscal year as reported on the Uniform Data System Report provided by the health centers to the Bureau of Primary Health Care of the Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The distribution shall be made to Charles Drew Health Center, OneWorld Community Health Centers, East Central District Health Department—Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Health Center, Midtown Health Center,

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Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center. The community health centers shall use the amount distributed for expanded health care access through the community health centers, including, but not limited to, expanding existing lines of service such as behavioral health or dental services, adding new lines of service, adding new service locations, purchasing equipment, or completing capital projects. It is the intent of the Legislature to increase the transfer from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund by $500,000 for FY2026-27 and annually thereafter for the increased aid funding for the federally qualified health centers.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $300,000 General Funds and for FY2026-27 $300,000 General Funds to provide funds to tribally owned, urban-based, federally qualified health centers designated under the federal Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638, as such act existed on January 1, 2025.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2026-27 $500,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for aid to Midtown Health Center to fund expanded health care access through the community health center, including, but not limited to, expanding existing lines of service such as behavioral health or dental services, adding new lines of service and locations, purchasing equipment, or completing capital projects.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $2,898,246 General Funds and $5,605,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for public health departments. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2026-27 $2,898,246 General Funds and $5,605,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for public health departments. There is included in the amount shown in this section for FY2025-26 $2,898,246 General Funds and for FY2026-27 $2,898,246 General Funds to be distributed equally

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among the eighteen public health departments. There is included in the amount shown in this section for FY2025-26 $5,405,000 Cash Funds and for FY2026-27 $5,405,000 Cash Funds to be distributed among the eighteen public health departments pursuant to section 71-1628.08. There is included in the amount shown in this section for FY2025-26 $200,000 Cash Funds and for FY2026-27 $200,000 Cash Funds to be distributed equally among the eighteen public health departments.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $31,713 General Funds and $1,526,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for minority public health services in counties having a minority population equal to or exceeding five percent of the total population of the county in the first and third congressional districts as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2026-27 $31,713 General Funds and $1,526,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for minority public health services in counties having a minority population equal to or exceeding five percent of the total population of the county in the first and third congressional districts as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. The Department of Health and Human Services shall distribute the funds on a per capita basis for the purpose of implementing a minority health initiative which may target, but shall not be limited to, infant mortality, cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, and asthma.

There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2025-26 $28,101 General Funds and $1,349,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to be distributed equally to the community health centers in the second congressional district funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. Such funds shall be used for the purpose of implementing a minority health initiative which may target, but shall not

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be limited to, infant mortality, cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, and asthma. There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2026-27 $28,101 General Funds and $1,349,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to be distributed equally to the community health centers in the second congressional district funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. Such funds shall be used for the purpose of implementing a minority health initiative which may target, but shall not be limited to, infant mortality, cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, and asthma.

Sec. 2. Original Laws 2025, LB261, section 107, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.