

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 515

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine new ways to pay for and deliver health care services through the medicaid program that improve the quality of care and health of participants while lowering costs. This study shall identify and evaluate service delivery initiatives and payment strategies for medicaid eligibles with high needs and high costs. The study shall consider the implementation of preventive measures and identify efficiencies in the medicaid program. The study shall also evaluate measures to improve program integrity through new options and resources to prevent and detect medicaid fraud. The study shall examine innovative policies and programs which have been proven to improve the quality of care and the health of Nebraskans, while also generating efficiencies or reducing the cost of the medicaid program to the state.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of innovative policies and programs proposed or implemented by other states;

(2) A review of policies, programs, and new funding opportunities made available by the federal government for innovative medicaid initiatives; and

(3) Input from various categories of medicaid providers as to how to improve the quality of care and the health of Nebraskans and lower the costs to the medicaid program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2012.