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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB952

Chairperson: Senator Lavon Heidemann

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2012

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

It is the intent of LB 952 to prohibit the implementation of cuts to the Medicaid program proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services on December 1st in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statutes § 68-909 for the remainder of the 2011-2013 biennium budget. LB 952 prohibits the implementation of the following changes to the Medicaid program:

1. An increase in copayments on physical, speech, and occupational therapies;
2. An increase in copayments for nonemergency visits to the emergency department;
3. A limit of two hundred forty hours per year of home health services;
4. The elimination of private duty nursing services;
5. An increase in the level of care required to receive personal assistance services;
6. A limit for personal assistance services to three and one-half hours of service per day with a sixty-hour limit per month;
7. The elimination of oral nutritional supplements provided through the durable medical equipment program;
8. A limit to behavioral health therapy visits of sixty visits per year;
9. The elimination of dental services, including dentures, for adults;
10. The elimination of chiropractic services;
11. The elimination of eyeglasses for adults;
12. The elimination of hearing aids for adults;
13. The elimination of occupational therapy for adults;
14. The elimination of physical therapy for adults;
15. The elimination of speech therapy for adults;
16. A limit of prescription drugs to ten per month for adults;
17. A limit of inpatient hospital days to forty-five days or thirty days per year for adults; and,
18. A limit of physician visits for adults to twelve per year, excluding pregnancy-related visits.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist