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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 77**

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Haar, 21; Hansen, 26;  
Howard, 9; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend
- 2 section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to
- 3 require a state plan amendment relating to coverage for family
- 4 planning services; to state intent relating to appropriations; to
- 5 repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 68-911 (1) Medical assistance shall include coverage for health care  
4 and related services as required under Title XIX of the federal Social  
5 Security Act, including, but not limited to:

- 6 (a) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
- 7 (b) Laboratory and X-ray services;
- 8 (c) Nursing facility services;
- 9 (d) Home health services;
- 10 (e) Nursing services;
- 11 (f) Clinic services;
- 12 (g) Physician services;
- 13 (h) Medical and surgical services of a dentist;
- 14 (i) Nurse practitioner services;
- 15 (j) Nurse midwife services;
- 16 (k) Pregnancy-related services;
- 17 (l) Medical supplies;
- 18 (m) Mental health and substance abuse services; and
- 19 (n) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment  
20 services for children which shall include both physical and behavioral  
21 health screening, diagnosis, and treatment services.

22 (2) In addition to coverage otherwise required under this section,  
23 medical assistance may include coverage for health care and related  
24 services as permitted but not required under Title XIX of the federal  
25 Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:

- 26 (a) Prescribed drugs;
- 27 (b) Intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental  
28 disabilities;
- 29 (c) Home and community-based services for aged persons and persons  
30 with disabilities;
- 31 (d) Dental services;

- 1 (e) Rehabilitation services;
- 2 (f) Personal care services;
- 3 (g) Durable medical equipment;
- 4 (h) Medical transportation services;
- 5 (i) Vision-related services;
- 6 (j) Speech therapy services;
- 7 (k) Physical therapy services;
- 8 (l) Chiropractic services;
- 9 (m) Occupational therapy services;
- 10 (n) Optometric services;
- 11 (o) Podiatric services;
- 12 (p) Hospice services;
- 13 (q) Mental health and substance abuse services;
- 14 (r) Hearing screening services for newborn and infant children; and
- 15 (s) Administrative expenses related to administrative activities,
- 16 including outreach services, provided by school districts and educational
- 17 service units to students who are eligible or potentially eligible for
- 18 medical assistance.

19 (3) No later than July 1, 2009, the department shall submit a state  
20 plan amendment or waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
21 Services to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for  
22 community-based secure residential and subacute behavioral health  
23 services for all eligible recipients, without regard to whether the  
24 recipient has been ordered by a mental health board under the Nebraska  
25 Mental Health Commitment Act to receive such services.

26 (4) On or before October 1, 2014, the department, after consultation  
27 with the State Department of Education, shall submit a state plan  
28 amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as  
29 necessary, to provide that the following are direct reimbursable services  
30 when provided by school districts as part of an individualized education  
31 program or an individualized family service plan: Early and periodic

1 screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for children; medical  
2 transportation services; mental health services; nursing services;  
3 occupational therapy services; personal care services; physical therapy  
4 services; rehabilitation services; speech therapy and other services for  
5 individuals with speech, hearing, or language disorders; and vision-  
6 related services.

7 (5) No later than September 1, 2015, the department shall submit a  
8 state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
9 Services for the purpose of providing medical assistance for family  
10 planning services for persons whose family's earned income is at or below  
11 one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level as permitted  
12 under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI) of the federal Social Security Act,  
13 as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI), as such act and section  
14 existed on January 1, 2015.

15 Sec. 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate (a)  
16 \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2015-16 and (b) \$500,000 from the  
17 General Fund for FY2016-17 to the Department of Health and Human  
18 Services, for Program 514.

19 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

20 (a) The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
21 section only be used for state aid for the Every Woman Matters program  
22 for the following purposes: Reimbursement for the provision of  
23 mammograms, breast examinations, pap smears, colposcopy, associated  
24 laboratory costs, preventive health and family planning services, and  
25 education and outreach; and

26 (b) Funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (1) of this section  
27 for the Every Woman Matters program may be leveraged to match any federal  
28 or private funding.

29 Sec. 3. Original section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
30 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.

31 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when

1 passed and approved according to law.