

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1121

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 68-949, Revised Statutes Supplement,
4 2007, is amended to read:

5 68-949 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
6 department implement reforms to the medical assistance program
7 such as those contained in the Medicaid Reform Plan, including (a)
8 an incremental expansion of home and community-based services for
9 aged persons and persons with disabilities consistent with such
10 plan, (b) an increase in care coordination or disease management
11 initiatives to better manage medical assistance expenditures
12 on behalf of high-cost recipients with multiple or chronic
13 medical conditions, and (c) other reforms as deemed necessary and
14 appropriate by the department, in consultation with the committee
15 and the Medicaid Reform Council.

16 (2) (a) The department shall develop recommendations
17 relating to the provision of health care and related services
18 for ~~medicaid-eligible children under the state children's health~~
19 ~~insurance program as allowed under Title XIX and Title XXI of the~~
20 ~~federal Social Security Act. Such study and recommendations shall~~
21 ~~include, but not be limited to, the organization and administration~~
22 ~~of such program, the establishment of premiums, copayments, and~~
23 ~~deductibles under such program, and the establishment of limits on~~

1 ~~the amount, scope, and duration of services offered to recipients~~
2 ~~under such program.~~ based on a comprehensive analysis of various
3 options available to the state under applicable federal law for
4 the provision of medical assistance to persons with disabilities
5 who are employed, including persons with a medically improved
6 disability, to enhance and replace current eligibility provisions
7 contained in subsection (8) of section 68-915.

8 (b) The department shall provide a draft report of such
9 recommendations to the committee and the Medicaid Reform Council
10 no later than October 1, ~~2007,~~ 2008. The council shall conduct a
11 public meeting no later than October 15, ~~2007,~~ 2008, to discuss
12 and receive public comment regarding such report. The council shall
13 provide any comments and recommendations regarding such report in
14 writing to the department and the committee no later than November
15 1, ~~2007,~~ 2008. The department shall provide a final report of such
16 recommendations to the Governor, the committee, and the council no
17 later than December 1, ~~2007,~~ 2008.

18 (3) (a) The department shall develop recommendations
19 for further modification or replacement of the defined benefit
20 structure of the medical assistance program. Such recommendations
21 shall be consistent with the public policy in section 68-905 and
22 shall consider the needs and resources of low-income Nebraska
23 residents who are eligible or may become eligible for medical
24 assistance, the experience and outcomes of other states that have
25 developed and implemented such changes, and other relevant factors
26 as determined by the department.

27 (b) The department shall provide a draft report of such

1 recommendations to the committee and the Medicaid Reform Council
2 no later than October 1, 2008. The council shall conduct a public
3 meeting no later than October 15, 2008, to discuss and receive
4 public comment regarding such report. The council shall provide any
5 comments and recommendations regarding such report in writing to
6 the department and the committee no later than November 1, 2008.
7 The department shall provide a final report of such recommendations
8 to the Governor, the committee, and the council no later than
9 December 1, 2008.

10 Sec. 2. Original section 68-949, Revised Statutes
11 Supplement, 2007, is repealed.