

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241

Introduced by Campbell, 25; Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the financial impact of, and financing options for, medicaid expansion under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for medical assistance for newly eligible individuals described under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Cost-sharing options, including deductibles and co-payments;
- (2) The utilization of emergency departments, including a focus on data and conditions that account for reportedly high emergency department utilization by medicaid recipients, and potential strategies to enhance health management and expand opportunity for appropriate levels of health care services for individuals with chronic health conditions;
- (3) Medicaid payment reforms that encourage investment in alternative settings for patients to access health care in a convenient, cost-effective manner and provision of new incentives to involve a greater number and variety of medicaid providers;
- (4) The option of an alternative medicaid expansion program that utilizes federal funding for newly eligible individuals to provide for premium assistance to enable enrollment in a qualified health plan through the federally-operated Nebraska health insurance marketplace (exchange). The review shall include a cost-benefit analysis to include, but not be

limited to, administrative costs, the cost of medical services, availability of providers within geographic and specialty networks, provider reimbursements, medical coverage comparison, and access by newly eligible individuals to appropriate health care; and

(5) The economic impact on the state and local economies from medicaid expansion, including, but not limited to, federal and state spending, employment both inside and outside the health care sector, tax revenue, business and employer costs, household incomes, and health care funding.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature be designated to review, investigate, and assess the financial impact of, and the financing options for, medicaid expansion.

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 of the Legislature.