

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB500

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 04, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Howard
One Liner: Require application for medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Baker, Campbell, Kolterman, Howard, Crawford, Cook
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Riepe

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sara Howard
Corey Steel
Corrie Edwards
Jeanne Brander
Juliet Summers
Nick Juliano
Kerri Peterson

Representing:

District 9
Administrative Office of the Courts
Mid Plains Center for Behavioral Health Services Inc.
Administrative Office of the Courts
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Boys Town
The Sherwood Foundation

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

John Wendling
Robert McEwen

Representing:

Magellan Health
Nebraska Appleseed

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

A state plan amendment for these services would provide Medicaid coverage for certain behavioral health therapies increasingly used to treat juveniles in the criminal justice system.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Amends 68-901, the Medical Assistance Act, to incorporate section (2) of this bill.

Section (2): Requires DHHS to submit an application to amend the medicaid state plan to the federal CMS/DHHS to provide for payments for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy.

Section (3): Repealer

Section (4): Emergency clause

Explanation of amendments:

AM650 to LB500 removes reference to probation youth to meet federal requirements.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson