## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1144

Hearing Date: Thursday February 15, 2024
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer: Ballard

One Liner: Change provisions relating to care management units for long-term care

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz

Nay: Absent:

**Present Not Voting:** 

**Testimony:** 

Proponents: Representing:
Senator Beau Ballard Opening Presenter

Rod Horsley Nebraska Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1144 would make changes to the way we do long-term care individual's voluntary contribution. It would remove the requirement but allow for the option to contribute when income is below 300% of the poverty line. Additionally, it would adopt a client family income schedule for voluntary contribution and allow for DHHS to reimburse for uncollected care management services. Finally, it would remove section 3 of 81-2234 that requires individuals not covered under subsection 1 and 2 of 81-2334 to pay the full fee for service.

## SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Sec. 1: Add the following language to 81-2234(1): Care management clients may contribute to the costs of receiving care management services, as provided under section 81-2230. A client family income schedule, using the federal poverty guidelines, shall be used to determine a care management client's voluntary contribution.

Within 81-2234(1) Change "shall pay" to may contribute and "fee scale" to Client Family Income Schedule

Strike section 3 in 81-2234 that reads: Individuals not covered by subsection (1) or (2) of



<sup>\*</sup> ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

this section shall pay the full fee for services provided by a care management unit

Sec. 2: Strike the following language in 81-2235: not paid for by the individual.

Sec. 3: Original section 81-2234 and section 81-2235 are repealed

Ben Hansen, Chairperson