

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB829

Hearing Date: Monday January 22, 2024
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Blood
One Liner: Change provisions relating to insurance coverage for screening for colorectal cancer

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Aguilar, Ballard, Bostar, Dungan, Jacobson, von Gillern
Nay: 2 Senators Kauth, Slama
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Carol Blood
Ali Khan
John Trapp
June Ryan

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Self
Nebraska Medical Association
AARP of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Robert Bell

Representing:

Nebraska Insurance Federation

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 829 is a bill that was introduced by Senator Blood. It would amend Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-7,102, a statute that requires certain health plans to include mandatory insurance coverage of screenings for colorectal cancer. On January 8, 2024, Senator Blood designated this bill her priority bill. The bill would provide, section by section, as follows:

Section 1: Section 1 would expand what coverage must be required under current self-funded employee benefit plans. The current law requires that such plans include screening coverage for a colorectal cancer examination and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic person forty-five years of age or older who is covered under the policy, certificate, contract, or plan. Section 1 adds concurrent removal of polyps and biopsies to required coverage.

The section would also prevent an insured from being subject to any additional charges for any service



associated with a procedure or test for colorectal cancer screening, which includes the following non-exhaustive list of services: removal of tissue or other matter; laboratory services; physician services, facility use; and anesthesia,

Section 2: Section 2 would repeal original section 44-7, 102.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2108 is an amendment to LB 829 that Senator Blood introduced to the committee at the January 23, 2024 hearing. The amendment makes the following changes to LB 829:

AM 2108 adds a new section to the bill stating that the bill changes would become operative on January 1, 2025.

AM 2108 replaces subsection (2)(b) with more precise language. Specifically, the amendment adds language to the “service or item” list contained in subsections (i) to (v) narrowing and clarifying precisely what “services or items” are precluded from deductible, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirements.

Also “any additional charge” is replaced with “deductible, coinsurance, or any other cost-sharing requirements” for clarification.

Finally, language in the subsection was amended to be more consistent with existing insurance mandate language currently found throughout our Nebraska Statutes.

Julie Slama, Chairperson

