

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 444

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine cost models and payment models for determining behavioral health service rates in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Methods used to determine current behavioral health provider rates;
- (2) The process used in an expert cost study analysis conducted by a person or entity knowledgeable regarding cost study data collection and analysis;
- (3) How other states determine behavioral health provider rates and the identified methodologies and an analysis of comparability and feasibility in Nebraska;
- (4) How costs to provide services have changed since the last study conducted in Nebraska and what costs should be considered when setting provider rates;
- (5) How medicaid managed care implementation in Nebraska has changed rate-setting structures;
- (6) How to define the frequency of cost study analyses of behavioral health provider rates to address changes over time, including access to services; and
- (7) Behavioral health services not currently paid for in public payor systems and the impact paying for such services would have on other areas of the state budget and commercial insurance market.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee may consult with state agencies, the Legislative Fiscal Office, experts in the area of health care provider cost study analysis, statewide behavioral health

organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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 or Legislature.