

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB527**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Jacobson**

**Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2025**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB527, the Medicaid Access and Quality Act, provides for the Department of Insurance to collect a six percent tax on non-Medicare premiums written under a health maintenance organization (HMO) certificate of authority. The Act creates the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund. Revenue generated by the tax on HMO non-Medicare premiums will be remitted to the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund to be used by the Department of Health and Human Services, upon federal approval, for the following purposes:

- (1) To obtain federal matching funds to enhance Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health services. The rate enhancements should aim to improve access to care through increasing rates across a broad range of physical health services, with an emphasis on evaluation and management services, labor and delivery services, and rural services.
- (2) To pay a monthly per-member fee of at least \$75 to qualified primary care providers who meet criteria to serve as a primary care medical home for target populations.
- (3) To use any remaining funds within the Medicaid and CHIP programs.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mike Jacobson**