

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB929**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 05, 2026  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Fredrickson  
**One Liner:** Provide requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to deductions and cost sharing for medicaid enrollees

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Hardin

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John Fredrickson  
Sarah Maresh  
Andrew Carlson  
Jim Ulrich  
Jina Ragland  
Matt Prokup  
Marshall Biven  
Peggy Reisher  
Tanya Encalada Cruz\*

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Appleseed  
self  
York General  
AARP of Nebraska  
American Diabetes Association  
self  
Brain Injury Association of Nebraska  
Self

**Opponents:**

Drew Gonshorowki

**Representing:**

DHHS

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB929 amends §68-912 of the Medical Assistance Act to prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from imposing deductibles, copayments, co-insurance, or similar cost-sharing charges on Medicaid recipients unless required by federal law. Where federal law does require such charges, specifically under 42 U.S.C. 1396o(k), DHHS may not implement them before October 1, 2028, and must do so in the least burdensome manner possible — setting amounts at the federal minimum, allowing managed care organizations to pay those charges on behalf of enrollees, and prohibiting providers from denying care to any enrollee who fails to pay a required charge.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM2991 removes the proposed language of LB929 with the exception of permissive language for managed care organizations under the medical assistance program to cover out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles or copayments, on behalf of their Medicaid enrollees to the extent allowed under federal law.

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Brian Hardin, Chairperson

