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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill requires all lead agencies that provide out-of-home care and that contract with the Department of Health and Human Services to be accredited by a national accrediting entity.

The current lead agencies, Nebraska Families Coalition and KVC Behavioral Healthcare are not accredited. If accreditation is not obtained, the contracts for case management would be terminated and case management functions would be returned to the state. The contracts would decrease by a total of \$4.6 million (\$2.3 million GF and FF) annually and state operations would increase by the same amount.

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	FY 2011-2012		FY 2012-2013	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below	\$0	\$0	\$0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill as written would prohibit Lead Contractors from other states (KVC) and newly established Lead Contractors (NFC) from holding a contract with DHHS to provide Service Coordinator and Case Management for Families Matter. If current contactors (or other contractors) without certification were not able to continue with case management functions DHHS would need to hire sufficient staff (CFS Specialists and CFS Specialist Supervisors) to handle those caseload management functions.

If DHHS were required to assume case management for at least one year in the absence of the current contractors it is estimated that 62 CFS Specialists and 16 CFS Specialist Supervisors would need to be hired. The estimated annual cost, not including recruitment and training, to hire these positions would be \$4.6 million dollars (\$2.3 million GF, \$2.3 million FF). It is assumed that the required administrative funds would be made available from program funds after transfer of funds from child welfare from the amended service contracts.

The estimated fiscal impact (first year annual cost) to the Department of Health and Human Services if certification were required for DHHS lead contractors would be an approximate increase of \$4.6 million dollars in administrative funds and a decrease of \$4.6 million dollars in child welfare.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2011-2012 EXPENDITURES	2012-2013 EXPENDITURES
	11-12	12-13		
Benefits.....				
Operating (Including recruitment & training).....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			See above	\$0