



2020 Nebraska Legislative Session

SUPPORT

<u>BILL</u>	<u>Introducer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
LB778	Stinner	State intent regarding appropriations for the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. <i>The Legislature would intend to appropriate two million dollars of the General Fund for FY2020-21 for Agency Number 25, Program Number 175, be used for the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by eligible health professionals as determined pursuant to section 71-5662 under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.</i>	

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LB760	Kolterman	<p>Require health carriers to provide coverage for asynchronous review by a dermatologist by way of telehealth</p> <p><i>Insurance companies must cover for telehealth benefits in the same manner as any other benefits covered under the policy, the provisions of this subsection regarding asynchronous review by a dermatologist.</i></p>
LB772	Williams	<p>Change the scope of practice for physician assistants</p> <p><i>The bill removes the overly prescriptive sections of statute mandating the provisions that must be included in the PA-physician practice agreement, updates PA prescribing provisions to include non-pharmacological interventions and changes the governance of the PA Committee.</i></p>
LB783	Lowe	<p>Change the definition of ambulatory surgical center –</p> <p><i>For persons for whom no anesthesia is administered or (ii) within twenty-four hours after the introduction of anesthesia for persons or whom anesthesia is administered</i></p>
LB804	Wayne	<p>Provide for insurance coverage of epinephrine autoinjectors</p> <p><i>Provides coverage for a prescription epinephrine autoinjector for persons eighteen years of age or younger by insurance companies.</i></p>
LB815	Morfeld	<p>Prohibit certain section 1115 waivers under the Medical Assistance Act</p> <p><i>The department shall not pursue, apply for, or implement any experimental, pilot, or demonstration project waiver under section 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1315, to expand eligibility for medical assistance to persons eligible under this section.</i></p>

[LB817](#) [Stinner](#) Adopt the Prescribing Psychologist Practice Act

Establishes a pathway for currently licensed clinical psychologists to gain postdoctoral training and education to prescribe psychotropic drugs to patients. The bill also requires a 2-year physician supervised training period with specific guidelines.

[LB825](#) [Hilkemann](#) Change provisions relating to infant health screenings

Would add Spinal Muscular Atrophy to the list of diseases on the newborn screening panel.

[LB833](#) [Crawford](#) Exclude certain elderly care programs from the Health Care Facility Licensure Act

Any health care facility or health care service that is operating a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly, as provided in 42 U.S.C. 1395eee, as such section existed on January 1, 2020, is exempt from the provisions of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act relating to operation of the program.

[LB893](#) [Cavanaugh](#) Change provisions relating to emergency care providers and provide for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics

Establishes the critical care paramedic practice of emergency medical care provided by a paramedic in accordance with the knowledge and skill acquired through successful completion of an approved program for a critical care paramedic.

[LB932](#) [Morfeld](#) Require expansion of the medical assistance program as prescribed

On or before October 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall expand eligibility for medical assistance as required by this section and provide medical assistance to those eligible

<u>LB1011</u>	<u>Health and Human Services Committee</u>	Require certain hospitals to accept reimbursement from the Medicare program	<i>Each hospital other than a rehabilitation hospital, a long term care hospital, a critical access hospital, or a psychiatric or mental hospital shall enter into an agreement with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395dd to accept reimbursement for services pursuant to such section from the medicare program as defined in section 44-4211.</i>
<u>LB1053</u>	<u>Health and Human Services Committee</u>	Require rules and regulations for hospital and nursing facility Medicaid reimbursement rates	<i>The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the rate methodology for reimbursement of hospital and nursing facility services. Any change to the rate methodology is considered substantive and requires a new rulemaking or regulation making proceeding under the Administrative Procedure Act.</i>
<u>LB1058</u>	<u>Howard</u>	Adopt the Population Health Information Act	<i>The purpose of the Population Health Information Act is to designate an entity to provide the data infrastructure needed to assist in creating a healthier Nebraska and operating the electronic health records initiative.</i>
<u>LB1133</u>	<u>Wayne</u>	Increase caps on medical malpractice liability	<i>Increases caps on malpractice liability insurance requirements including financial responsibility limit to five million from five hundred thousand dollars.</i>
<u>LB1183</u>	<u>Arch</u>	Create the Health Information Technology Board and change prescription drug monitoring program provisions	<i>Establishes the Health Information Technology Board and its duties shall be to establish criteria for data collection and disbursement by the statewide health information exchange described in section 71-2455 and the prescription drug monitoring program created under section 71-2454 to improve the quality of information provided to clinicians.</i>