

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

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

### **LB333**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 11, 2015**

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

LB 333 would establish the Health Care Services Transformation Advisory Commission to guide our state in the system-wide transformation of our primary care systems to high quality, patient centered care and provide a forum for collaboration among all stakeholders. The Advisory Commission would be staffed by the Office of Rural Health. Members of the Commission would include medical, behavioral and dental health care providers, public health district representatives, insurance industry representatives, consumers, business representatives, community based services and governmental agencies such as Department of Administrative Services, Department of Insurance, Nebraska Medicaid and others.

The charge of the Commission would be to advise the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services on how to:

- Facilitate learning opportunities for care providers for high quality, patient-centered care.
- Identify statewide and regional opportunities to meet the changing health care needs of Nebraskans and our health care industry.
- Establish liaison with multiple state agencies.
- Assist in collaboration of various data bases to enable analysis of public health data and evaluate the effectiveness of programs and demonstration projects.
- Develop and approve standards and measures for PCMH, building on the 2013 stakeholder group work in the Nebraska Patient Centered Medical Home Participation Agreement.
- Provide a forum for collaboration among stakeholders.
- Enable the Department to seek outside funds and grants to support this work.

The bill creates a cash fund to support the work of the Department and Commission as outlined in the bill.

The Department of Health and Human Services would be charged with the following duties:

- Assist health care providers in transforming their services to provide high quality, patient-centered care.
- Identify statewide and regional opportunities to meet changing health care needs.
- Establish liaison with other state agencies in order to appropriately coordinate programs.
- Assist in the collaboration of various data-sharing systems or programs to enable analysis of public health data and evaluate programs.
- Develop and approve standards and measures for PCMH.
- Provide a forum for discussion and collaboration of stakeholders.
- Provide support staff to the Commission.

Since health care services are integrally tied to payment mechanisms, the bill also asks the Department of Insurance to provide a forum for discussion and stakeholder interaction and allows DOI to develop programs for collaboration among insurers.

In addition, since the State has a large pool of employees and clients who access health care and health insurance, this bill would allow the Department of Administrative Services to participate in this transformation and to develop insurance products that incorporate patient-centered care and value based purchasing.

Nebraska Medicaid is already contractually participating in PCMH and value based payment reform. This bill would statutorily give them permission to implement patient-centered care programs.

Lastly, the bill appropriates \$150,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for the first two years of the Commission.

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

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