

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB429

Chairperson: Senator Burke Harr

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 09, 2015

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

Under LB 429, medical, surgical and hospital services provided under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in accordance with the official disability guidelines published by the Work Loss Data Institute shall be presumed to be reasonable and necessary.

No workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or self-insured employer shall be responsible for services that fall outside the guidelines unless prior authorization is obtained.

LB 429 provides that any party may request a finding by an independent medical examiner if payment is denied for services on the basis the services fall outside the guidelines or prior authorization is denied. It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the findings of the independent medical examiner are correct.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith