

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB260

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 21, 2019

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

LB260 is proposed legislation to remove from state statute the requirement on the Nebraska Medicaid program to hire a Recovery Audit Contractor, or RAC. The majority of Medicaid claims in Nebraska are now processed and paid by the Managed Care Organizations in the Heritage Health program and are thus exempt from federal and state RAC requirements. As such, the state currently has difficulty obtaining a RAC because of the low volume of claims to audit. This proposed change would allow Nebraska Medicaid the option to contract with a RAC if needed in the future while ensuring the Department remains in compliance with state law.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ben Hansen