

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1106

Hearing Date: Thursday February 22, 2024
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Day
One Liner: Provide for coverage of lactation consultations under the Medical Assistance Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jen Day
Tiffany Uher
Erin Feichtinger
Julia Keown
Karina Ruiz-Vargas
Kelsey Arends

Representing:

Opening Presenter
MilkWorks
Women's Fund of Omaha
Self
Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition
Nebraska Appleseed

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1106 would require Medicaid to cover a minimum of 10 lactation consultations for every mother or child covered under Medicaid. It would also increase current lactation consultant provider rates by 145%.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Sec. 1: No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide coverage for a minimum of ten lactation consultation visits for every mother covered under the medical assistance program or child covered under the medical assistance program, if the mother is not covered under such program.

It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXX from the General Fund for fiscal year 2024-



25 to the department for the purpose of implementing this subsection. Such appropriation shall be equal to an amount that is a 145% rate increase over the current lactation consultation rate paid by the department.

Sec. 2: Original section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is repealed.

Explanation of amendments:

The standing committee amendment is a white copy amendment that incorporates provisions of LB 1107.

LB 1107 requires DHHS to provide Medicaid coverage of breast pumps for pregnant women or the child, if the pregnant woman is not covered. Requirements for breast pumps are provided.

Appropriations are also provided.

Section by Section:

Sec 1: Insert subsection 7(a): No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide coverage for an electric personal-use breast pump for every pregnant woman covered under the medical assistance program, or child covered under the medical assistance program if the pregnant woman is not covered, beginning at thirty-six weeks gestation or the child's date of birth, whichever is earlier. The electric personal-use breast pump shall be capable of (i) sufficiently supporting milk supply, (ii) double and single side pumping, and (iii) suction power ranging from zero mmHg to two hundred fifty mmHg. No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide coverage for a minimum of ten lactation consultation visits for every mother covered under the medical assistance program or child covered under the medical assistance program, if the mother is not covered under such program.

Ben Hansen, Chairperson

