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LEGISLATIVE BILL 857

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human
- 2 Services; to create the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program as
- 3 prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program is created within the
2 Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the Nebraska
3 Prenatal Plus Program is to reduce the incidence of low birth weight,
4 pre-term birth, and adverse birth outcomes while also addressing other
5 lifestyle, behavioral, and nonmedical aspects of an at-risk mother's life
6 that may affect the health and well-being of the mother or the child.

7 Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of sections 1 to 3 of this act, (a) at-
8 risk mother means a woman who is (i) eligible for medicaid or the
9 Children's Health Insurance Program, (ii) pregnant or in the postpartum
10 period, and (iii) determined by her health care provider to be at risk of
11 having a negative maternal or infant health outcome; and (b) postpartum
12 period means the twelve month period after the birth of a child.

13 (2) Services eligible for reimbursement for at-risk mothers include,
14 but are not limited to, nutrition counseling, psychosocial counseling and
15 support, general client education and health promotion, breastfeeding
16 support, and targeted case management.

17 Sec. 3. The Department of Health and Human Services may reimburse
18 eligible services for the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program for at-risk
19 mothers at an enhanced rate and shall file a state plan amendment or
20 waiver, as necessary, no later than October 1, 2024, to implement the
21 program pursuant to sections 1 to 3 of this act.

22 Sec. 4. The department shall electronically submit a report to the
23 Legislature on or before December 15 of each year beginning December 15,
24 2024, on the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program which includes (1) the number
25 of mothers served, (2) the services offered, and (3) the birth outcomes
26 for each mother served.