

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB1176**

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**Hearing Date:** February 21, 2008

**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Dubas)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to medicaid benefits and departmental reports

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Placed on General File with Amendments

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**Vote Results:**

7 Yes                      Senators Erdman, Gay, Hansen, Howard, Johnson,  
Pankonin, Stuthman

0 No

0 Absent

0 Present, not voting

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**Proponents:**

Senator Dubas  
Curtis Bryant

Richard Skerbitz

**Opponents:**

Kathy Hoell  
Brad Meurrens  
Tim Kolb

**Representing:**

Introducer  
National Association of Social Workers  
Nebraska Chapter  
League of Human Dignity

**Representing:**

Statewide Independent Living Council  
Nebraska Advocacy Services  
Statewide Independent Living Council

Larry Ruth  
Patricia Smith  
Pat Snyder  
Jennifer Carter  
Douglas Vander Broek D.C.

Carey Winkler  
CJ Zimmer  
Vivianne Chaumont

Bill Crawford

**Neutral:**

Ed Schneider

Nebraska Dental Association  
The Arc of Nebraska  
Nebraska Health Care Association  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians  
Association  
Self  
Statewide Independent Living Council  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human  
Services  
Self

**Representing:**

Nebraska Optometric Association

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

The bill requires that reports relating to the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations relating to the implementation of Medicaid state plan amendments or waivers must be provided by the department at least 60 days prior to the beginning of a regular session of the Legislature.

The bill also permits the department to implement the following limits under the Medicaid program by rule and regulation: (1) a limit of one pair of eyeglasses every two years; (2) a limit of one hearing aid every four years; (3) a one-thousand-dollar annual limit for dental services; (4) an annual limit of twelve chiropractic visits; and (5) an annual limit of sixty outpatient medical rehabilitation visits, defined as physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendment (AM 2630) replaces the bill as introduced and requires the department to report proposed Medicaid changes to the Governor and the Legislature no later than December 15 before the next regular session of the Legislature.

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Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson