



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 518**

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**Hearing Date:** February 21, 2007  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Howard)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to the eligibility of children under the Medical Assistance Act

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

- Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - X Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

5	Yes	Senators Johnson, Erdman, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
2	No	Senators Hansen, Howard
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Howard  
Michael Shambaugh-Miller  
Jim Cunningham  
Roslyn Fraser  
Susan Hale  
Sarah Ann Lewis  
Brandi Holys Tumbleson  
Jennifer Carter

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Minority Public Health Association  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Center for People in Need  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
March of Dimes Foundation  
Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest

**Opponents:**

Mary Steiner

**Representing:**

Health and Human Services System

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 518 strikes and adds provisions relating to Medicaid eligibility for children (section 68-915). The bill increases “consecutive eligibility” for children from six months to twelve months (i.e. if a child is deemed eligible for Medicaid, his or her eligibility will be continuous for twelve months, before the next redetermination of eligibility). The bill would apply such

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continuous eligibility both to the initial period of eligibility and to each subsequent eligibility period. Current law permits the Department of HHS Finance and Support to redetermine eligibility on a monthly basis after an initial six-month period of continuous eligibility (LB 8, 2002 Second Special Session). LB 518 would return the law governing continuous eligibility for children to that which existing prior to the passage of LB 8.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson**