

AMENDMENTS TO LB 396

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

5 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-956 and sections 2 to 6 of
6 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance
7 Act.

8 Sec. 2. Sections 2 to 6 of this act shall be known and
9 may be cited as the Medical Home Pilot Program Act. The Medical
10 Home Pilot Program Act terminates on June 30, 2014. The purposes of
11 the act are to improve health care access and health outcomes for
12 patients and to contain costs of the medical assistance program.

13 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Medical Home Pilot Program
14 Act:

15 (1) Division means the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term
16 Care of the Department of Health and Human Services;

17 (2) Medical home means a provider of primary health care
18 services to patients that meets the requirements for participation
19 in the medical home pilot program established under section 5 of
20 this act;

21 (3) Patient means a recipient of medical assistance under
22 the Medical Assistance Act; and

23 (4) Primary care physician means a physician licensed

1 under the Uniform Credentialing Act and practicing in the area
2 of general medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, or internal
3 medicine.

4 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2012, the division
5 shall design and implement a medical home pilot program, in
6 consultation with the Medical Home Advisory Council, in one or more
7 geographic regions of the state to provide access to medical homes
8 for patients. The division shall apply for any available federal or
9 other funds for the program. The division shall establish necessary
10 and appropriate reimbursement policies and incentives under such
11 program to accomplish the purposes of the Medical Home Pilot
12 Program Act. The reimbursement policies:

13 (a) Shall require the provision of a medical home for
14 clients;

15 (b) Shall be designed to increase the availability of
16 primary health care services to clients;

17 (c) May provide an increased reimbursement rate to
18 providers who provide primary health care services to clients
19 outside of regular business hours or on weekends; and

20 (d) May provide a postevaluation incentive payment.

21 (2) No later than June 1, 2014, the division shall
22 evaluate the medical home pilot program and report the results
23 of such evaluation to the Governor and the Health and Human
24 Services Committee of the Legislature. Such report shall include
25 an evaluation of health outcomes and cost savings achieved,
26 recommendations for improvement, recommendations regarding
27 continuation and expansion of the program, and such other

1 information as deemed necessary by the division or requested by
2 the committee.

3 Sec. 5. A medical home shall:

4 (1) Provide comprehensive, coordinated health care for
5 patients and consistent, ongoing contact with patients throughout
6 their interactions with the health care system, including, but not
7 limited to, electronic contacts and ongoing care coordination and
8 health maintenance tracking for patients;

9 (2) Provide primary health care services for patients
10 and appropriate referral to other health care professionals or
11 behavioral health professionals as needed;

12 (3) Focus on the ongoing prevention of illness and
13 disease;

14 (4) Encourage active participation by a patient and
15 the patient's family, guardian, or authorized representative,
16 when appropriate, in health care decisionmaking and care plan
17 development;

18 (5) Encourage the appropriate use of specialty care
19 services and emergency room services by patients; and

20 (6) Provide other necessary and appropriate health care
21 services and supports to accomplish the purposes of the Medical
22 Home Pilot Program Act.

23 Sec. 6. (1) The Medical Home Advisory Council is created.
24 The council shall consist of seven voting members appointed by the
25 Governor as follows:

26 (a) Two licensed primary care physicians actively
27 practicing in the area of general and family medicine;

1 (b) Two licensed primary care physicians actively
2 practicing in the area of pediatrics;

3 (c) Two licensed primary care physicians actively
4 practicing in the area of internal medicine; and

5 (d) One representative from a licensed hospital in
6 Nebraska.

7 (2) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services
8 Committee of the Legislature or another member of the committee
9 designated by the chairperson shall serve as an ex officio,
10 nonvoting member of the council.

11 (3) The council shall annually select one of its
12 appointed members to serve as chairperson of the council for a
13 one-year term. Appointed members of the council shall be reimbursed
14 for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections
15 81-1174 to 81-1177. The division shall provide administrative
16 support to the council.

17 (4) The Governor may remove appointed members of the
18 council for good cause upon written notice and an opportunity to
19 be heard. Any appointed member of the council who ceases to meet
20 the requirements for appointment to the council shall cease to be a
21 member of the council. A vacancy on the council shall be filled in
22 the same manner as provided for the original appointment.

23 (5) The Governor shall make initial appointments to the
24 council no later than October 1, 2009. The council shall conduct
25 its initial organizational meeting no later than October 31, 2009.

26 (6) The council shall (a) guide and assist the division
27 in the design and implementation of the medical home pilot program

1 and (b) promote the use of best practices to ensure access to
2 medical homes for patients and accomplish the purposes of the
3 Medical Home Pilot Program Act.

4 Sec. 7. Original section 68-901, Revised Statutes
5 Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is repealed.