

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1106

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 03, 2010
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Nordquist
One Liner: Provide for school-based health centers under the Medical Assistance Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Gay, Campbell, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Nordquist
Mary Fraser Meints

Don Wesely
Steve Burnham
John Cavanaugh
Andrea Skolkin

Representing:

Introducer
Uta Halee Girls Village, Child and Family Coalition of Nebraska
Nebraska Nurses Association
Children's Hospital and Medical Center and Physicians Building Bright Futures
One World Community Health Centers, Inc.

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1106 provides for school-based health centers under the Medical Assistance Act.

The bill identifies a school-based health center as a health center a) located in or adjacent to a school, b) organized through the school system, c) administrated by the sponsoring facility, d) providing health services onsite during school hours to children and adolescents, e) not performing or referring for abortions and f) augmenting and supporting services provided by the medical home, rather than serving as the primary medical home for the child.

The school based health services may include medical health, behavioral and mental health, preventive health, and oral health. A sponsoring facility under the bill may be a hospital, a public health department, a federally qualified community health center, a nonprofit health care entity, a school system, or program administered by an Indian health entity.

LB 1106 requires the department to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services seeking a waiver provided for utilization of money to allow for payments for treatment for children who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid and CHIP.

The bill states that a covered item or service furnished through a school-based health center, furnished by a provider and furnished under a managed care plan pursuant to a waiver, does not require prior consultation, or referral by a

patient's primary care physician, to be covered.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1948 adds the School Health Center Advisory Council to the bill. The advisory council is made up of at least one representative of the school administration; one representative of the sponsoring facility; one parent of a child in the school district recommended by the school administrator and approved by the school board; and may include student representatives as designated by the amendment.

The amendment adds that a School Based Health Center (in addition to not performing abortion services or refer for counseling for abortion services as specified in the bill) will not dispense, prescribe or counsel for contraceptive drugs or devices.

The amendment removes learning community from the bill. It adds that School Based Health Centers will not serve as a child's dental home.

Finally the amendment adds to the bill "for treatment for pregnant women and who are lawfully residing in the United States and who are otherwise eligible for medicaid pursuant to the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Public Law 111-3, as such law existed on January 1, 2010".

Tim Gay, Chairperson