



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 601**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 19, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 601 directs Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services to submit an application by July 1, 2009 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for funding to allow Medicaid payments for various community-based mental health services.

Under the bill, Nebraska's DHHS may apply to amend the state's existing Medicaid plan. Alternatively, it may seek a waiver for funds to cover the services.

The applicable community-based mental health services are listed in LB 601: secure residential, intensive community support, dual diagnosis, intensive residential rehabilitation, emergency community support, and peer support.

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