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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 925**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide duties for the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services relating to  
3 contracts with providers of Health Aid programs; and to  
4 declare an emergency.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Department of Health and Human Services  
2 shall prioritize applications for contracts with providers of  
3 services for all programs within Budget Program No. 514, Health Aid,  
4 and shall prioritize the administration of general funds, federal  
5 funds, and cash funds for such programs with a preference for local  
6 public health departments as defined in section 71-1626, federally  
7 qualified health centers as defined in section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the  
8 federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B), as such act  
9 and section existed on January 1, 2012, or public or private health  
10 care facilities that provide comprehensive primary care in addition  
11 to preventive care services. The department shall select sufficient  
12 providers so that the services described in this section are  
13 available throughout the state. The department may contract with a  
14 public or private health care facility which does not provide  
15 comprehensive primary care in addition to and preventive care  
16 services only if necessary to prevent the severe limitation or  
17 elimination of access to the services described in this section in  
18 any region of the state.

19           Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
20 when passed and approved according to law.