

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 197

Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues related to the potential implementation of an all-payer claims database in Nebraska. An all-payer claims database can collect and provide information on inpatient, outpatient, pharmacy, and dental services for commercially insured, publicly insured, and self-insured populations. It is the public policy goal of an all-payer claims database to provide greater transparency regarding the cost and quality of medical services in order to empower consumers to make well-informed health care decisions. The committees shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

(1) An evaluation of which payers should be required to submit price and quality information and what types of claims should be collected to allow consumers, medical providers, researchers, and policymakers to effectively and efficiently compare costs and the quality of care;

(2) An examination of data collection and storage processes to maintain security, privacy, and confidentiality in compliance with all state and federal privacy laws;

(3) An evaluation of the available technologies to collect claims data and to reproduce that data in a timely manner and user-friendly format; and

(4) A consideration of options for sustainable funding of an all-payer claims database.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.