

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB487

Hearing Date: Monday February 01, 2021
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Change insurance coverage provisions for mental health conditions and serious mental illness

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Bostar, Flood, Lindstrom, McCollister, Pahls, Slama, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Arch
Anne Buettner
Scott Jansen
Korby Gilbertson
Pat Connell
Robin Conyers
Kaitlin Reece

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of Marriage & Family Therapy
Nebraska Psychiatric Society
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Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
CHI Health
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska

Opponents:

Eric Dunning
Robert Bell

Representing:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
Nebraska Insurance Federation

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Katie Zulkoski
Jeremy Nordquist
Brennen Miller
Andy Hale
Matt Schaefer
Cora Schrader
Jason Hayes

Representing:

Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants
Nebraska Medicine
Nebraska Association of Regional Officials
Nebraska Hospital Association
Nebraska Methodist Health System
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners
NSEA

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would amend section 44-793 to provide that a health insurance plan that covers treatment of mental health conditions (1) shall not establish a rate, term, or condition that places a greater financial burden on an insured for accessing treatment for a mental health condition using telehealth or telemonitoring services, and (2) shall provide, at a minimum, a reimbursement rate for accessing treatment for a mental health condition using telehealth or telemonitoring services that is the same as the rate for a comparable treatment provided or supervised in person.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendments would provide that the bill applies to accessing treatment for a mental health condition using "telehealth" services rather than telehealth and "telemonitoring" services.

Matt Williams, Chairperson