

To correct an error

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill allows proposed limits to be placed on specific Medicaid services for adults. These limits include the limits proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services as part of Medicaid reform measures, excluding limits on dental coverage.

Section 68-912 requires any changes in rules and regulations relating to limits on the amount, scope or duration of covered services for Medicaid recipients shall not be implemented until after the conclusion of a full legislative session in which the legislature has had reasonable opportunity for consideration of such rules and regulation changes. Legislative consideration includes, but is not limited to, the introduction of a legislative bill, a legislative resolution or amendment to pending legislation relating to such rules and regulations.

The limits authorized in the bill are as follows.

- For eyeglasses, one pair every two years from one pair a year. Savings: \$115,500 (\$46,200 GF and \$69,300 FF) per year. Number of clients impacted: 4,144 for frames and 5,380 for lenses.
- Limiting dental services to \$1,000 of services per year. Currently, Nebraska covers an exam and cleaning once a year and periodontia, crowns and root canals. Savings: \$1,463,000 (\$585,200 GF and \$877,800 FF) in first year and \$512,000 (\$204,800 GF and \$307,200 FF) in the second year. Number of clients impacted: 3,216.
- Chiropractic visits to 12 a year from 20 a year. Savings: \$69,000 (\$27,600 GF and \$41,400 FF) per year. Number of clients: 2,594/11,457 visits.
- One hearing aid per every four years from no cap. Savings: \$90,000 (\$36,000 GF and \$54,000 FF) per year. Number of clients: 234.
- Sixty visits per year for occupational, physical and speech therapies from no limit. Savings: \$807,000 (\$322,800 GF and \$484,200 FF) per year. Number of clients: 407/38,826 visits.

Total savings in the first year is \$2,544,500 (\$1,017,800 GF and \$1,526,700 FF). Ongoing savings are \$1,593,500 (\$637,400 GF and \$956,100 FF). Last year in the mainline appropriations bill, Medicaid savings were assumed for limits on services. Those savings were \$650,000 (\$260,000 GF and \$390,000 FF) in FY 09 and \$1,560,000 (\$624,000 GF and \$936,000 FF) in FY 10. These proposed limits have already been assumed in the current biennial budget, so there is no fiscal impact to the bill.