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LEGISLATIVE BILL 494

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human
- 2 Services; to direct the department to apply for grants to establish
- 3 and maintain a health care insurance claims and payment information
- 4 data base.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
2 shall apply for grants to states from the United States Department of
3 Health and Human Services under the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
4 2021, Public Law 116-260, to establish and maintain a data base to
5 publish claims and payment information from health insurers.

6 Sec. 2. Upon obtaining federal grant money under section 1 of this
7 act, the Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the
8 University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health shall
9 plan, establish, and maintain a data base of claims and payment
10 information from health insurers. The data base shall be accessible from
11 the department's web site. The uses of the data base may include, but are
12 not limited to:

13 (1) Tracking information about health care utilization, quality, and
14 cost;

15 (2) Monitoring the success and efficiency of initiatives to improve
16 health care and population health;

17 (3) Analyzing variations in health care costs, quality, utilization,
18 and illness burden based on geographical areas or populations;

19 (4) Supporting quality improvement efforts to compare provider
20 performance; and

21 (5) Promoting accountability for state medicaid contracts to assure
22 the effectiveness of managed care and providing an objective way for the
23 state to monitor the performance of medicaid-managed care or value-based
24 purchasing contracts.