

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404

Introduced by Morfeld, 46; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to provide continued oversight of and updates regarding the execution and administration of medicaid expansion by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-992.

In November 2018, the people of Nebraska voted to expand access to the medical assistance program through Initiative No. 427. On April 1, 2019, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services submitted three state plan amendments to the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, which are necessary to implement medicaid expansion. Expanded coverage is expected to begin October 1, 2020, with enrollment beginning August 1, 2020.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The hiring and retention of employees tasked with determining eligibility for expanded medicaid coverage through the Heritage Health Adult program;

(2) Any challenges to beneficiaries, providers, contractors, or the department in implementing the medical assistance program;

(3) The effectiveness of educational media and programming relating to the enrollment of individuals in the medical assistance program; and

(4) Any other issues relating to expanded edicaid coverage in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this

resolution.

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