

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 417

Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement rates and processes for difficult to place patients in Nebraska's acute care hospitals. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Review of inpatient medicaid reimbursement rates, when such rates were last updated, and if such rates accurately reflect acute care hospital costs;

(2) Review of the conditions surrounding the inability for acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals to discharge patients to skilled nursing facilities or similar long-term care facilities;

(3) Review of acute care hospital bed capacity being occupied by patients that do not meet the appropriate level of care;

(4) Review of medicaid reimbursement for acute care hospital patients that do not meet the appropriate level of care and are unable to be transferred to a facility with the appropriate level of care;

(5) Review of the utilization of home health care replacing long-term care for patients in acute care hospitals; and

(6) Establishing medicaid reimbursement rates for patients in long-term acute care hospitals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH 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.