

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB400

Hearing Date: Friday February 05, 2021
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Change requirements related to coverage of telehealth by insurers and medicaid

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Murman, Walz, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

John Arch
Andrea Skolkin
Rebecca Ohlinger

Carole Boye

Jeremy Nordquist
Julie Steinmeyer
Matt Schaefer
Nicole Fox

Representing:

Introducer
Health Center Association of Nebraska
Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Nebraska Hospital
Association
Community Alliance, Nebraska Association of Behavioral
Health Organization
Nebraska Medicine
American Physical Therapy Association-Nebraska Chapter
Nebraska Medical Association
Platte Institute

Opponents:

Carisa Schweitzer Masek

Representing:

Department of Health and Human Services

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Pat Connell
David Slattery
Natalie Peetz
Jason Hayes
Jessica Shelburn
Amber Bogle
Jina Ragland

Representing:

Boys Town National Research Hospital
Nebraska Hospital Association
CHI Health
Nebraska State Education Association
Americans for Prosperity-Nebraska
Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska
AARP Nebraska

Brennan Miller

Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators

Opponents:

James Watson

Representing:

Nebraska Association of Medicaid Health Plans

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 400 would amend statutes in the Nebraska Telehealth Act and in the Insurance chapter.

LB 400 would allow for audio-only telehealth to be used in delivery of behavioral health services, and would postpone the written consent requirement to deliver telehealth services. [Section 1, p. 2].

It would also allow services to originate from any location where the patient is located. [Section 2, p. 3].

With regards to written consent, currently a patient has to give written consent prior to the telehealth consultation. LB 400 would allow a patient to give verbal consent during the consultation and provide written consent within 10 days of the consultation.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 200 to LB 400 would amend language to state that 'Telehealth also includes audio-only services for the delivery of individual behavioral health services for an established patient, when appropriate, or crisis management and intervention for an established patient as allowed by federal law'

John Arch, Chairperson