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Senator Merv Riepe to Introduce Legislation to Reform Health Care

Lincoln, NE – State Senator Merv Riepe announced today he will introduce a bill in the 2016 Legislative session to enable direct contracting for primary care in the state of Nebraska.

“Fee-for-service health care in Nebraska is just not working,” said Sen. Riepe. “We need creative solutions to allow value-based health care for Nebraskans.”

Sen. Riepe has studied how direct contracting between primary care doctors and patients, also known as Direct Primary Care (DPC), can improve quality and access for Nebraskans.

DPC practices offer patients a full range of comprehensive primary services, including routine care, regular checkups, preventive care, and care coordination in exchange for a flat, recurring monthly fee, priced similar to a utility bill.

“It will strengthen the patient/doctor relationship and create patient-centered care that is affordable,” continued Sen. Riepe. “This is going to be a game changer for health care in Nebraska.”

Sen. Riepe is drafting legislation that will enable primary care doctors the ability to explore the DPC model.

Sen. Riepe represents Legislative District 12, in Millard/Omaha and Ralston in Douglas County.

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