

LB855

Harmonize Federally Qualified Health Center Services and Rural Health Clinic Services under the mandatory Medicaid benefits in state statute, mirroring federal requirements.

Basic information

Both Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics are required by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid in all states' Medicaid Programs, so LB855 should have no additional costs to the state.

LB855 is necessary to harmonize our statutes with federal law, eliminate arbitrary gaps in the current statutes.

NE §68-911 currently mirrors federally required Medicaid services, except for Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Rural Health Clinics

Mandatory Benefits under Federal Law				
Inpatient hospital services	Nursing Facility Services	Rural Health Clinic services	Family planning services**	Transportation to medical care*
Outpatient hospital services	Home health services	Federally Qualified Health Center services	Certified Pediatric Family Nurse Practitioner Services	Tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women**
EPSDT	Physician Services	Laboratory and X-ray services	Freestanding Birth Center services (when licensed or otherwise recognized by the state)**	

*Included in §68-911(2) with other optional benefits

** §68-911(1)(k) identifies pregnancy-related services as a required service

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

Nebraska's seven FQHCs are nonprofit, community-based organizations that provide high quality medical, dental, behavioral, pharmacy, and support services to persons of all ages regardless of their economic or insurance status.

Nebraska's community health centers provide comprehensive, culturally appropriate primary care to over 107,000 patients statewide at 70 different service locations.

Nearly 47% of health center patients are uninsured and 93% are low income.

Rural Health Clinics (RHC)

The Rural Health Clinics Program was developed in response to the unmet needs of Medicare and Medicaid recipients in underserved areas of rural America.

Rural health clinics provide access to primary care services at over 140 locations in underserved communities in rural Nebraska. In many counties, RHCs are the only provider that accepts Medicaid patients.

On the back of this page is a map of Nebraska's rural health care facilities, including RHCs.

Selected Rural Healthcare Facilities in Nebraska

