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# President's Message

## NDA's Legislative Agenda 2025!



**Dr. Jessica Meeske**

It is with great enthusiasm that I share updates about NDA's legislative agenda for 2025! I have been involved

with NDA's Legislative Council most of my career and can say this is likely the most ambitious agenda we have pursued. All of our bills focus around improving dental licensure, improving dental workforce, improving access to dental (both for Medicaid and privately insured patients), and fighting those that want to discontinue community water fluoridation (CWF).

We have five bills we have either initiated or supported and we plan to strongly oppose a bill that is anti-CWF.

A summary of the bills is below right:

In addition, the NDA will send a letter to the Appropriations Committee opposing the Governor's proposed cuts to the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program. Currently the program has helped more than 100 dentists pay back student loans if they practice in rural and under served areas. Approximately 80% of dentists have stayed in these areas even after their contracted period has ended.

The Legislative Council would like to thank the following dentists thus far for testifying at hearings:

**Amir Farhangpour** (UNMC), **Jill Wallen** (Creighton), **Frannie Rensch** (Omaha), **Kate Delaney** (D1, UNMC), **Joey O'Brien** (D3, Creighton), **Megan Louder** (D4,

Creighton), **Luke Andreason** (D3, UNMC).

How can NDA members engage to help pass good legislation for Nebraska dentistry and oral health?

1. Know the bills. Offer to write a letter of support or opposition. Contact David at the NDA to learn how and whom to contact.
2. Offer to be a subject matter expert. For example, would you be an Ambassador for CWF and be willing to review the science behind fluoride.
3. Know who your senator is. Invite them to visit your practice. Share these bills and NDA's mission to improve the oral health of all Nebraskans and advance the science and profession of dentistry.
4. Attend a fundraiser or meet and greet for your senator or someone you believe can help dentistry.

5. Offer to testify. Many dentists are fearful of testifying, yet we give patients shots in the mouth every day. We will help you write testimony and train you so you're comfortable.

6. Ask patients who have dental insurance if they are experiencing problems using their benefits. We need good patient stories to share and a patient who can testify on our dental loss ratio bill. Let the NDA office know if you have a good story or a patient that would like to share their situation.

7. Give annually to NEDPAC. Our PAC dollars are used to support candidates that have been supportive of dentistry and oral health.

Stay tuned to the [NDA's eNews](#) and website for more information about our legislative bills and how they are moving through the legislative process!

**LB 27** (Sen. Ballard) - Dentist loan repayment bill that is based on amount of Medicare care provided. *Hearing completed No opposition*

**LB 83** (Sen. Roundtree) - Dentist and Dental Hygiene Compact. It would ease getting a license in other states if NE joined the compact. *Hearing completed - No opposition*

**LB 148** (Sen. Hansen) - NE Dentist Licensure Statute Rewrite. Replaces testing agency names with testing criteria. Clarifies reciprocity to 1 year as opposed to 3 years. *Hearing completed. No opposition*

**LB 146** (Sen. Ibach) - Medicaid rates increase by 12.5%. *Hearing not yet scheduled*

**LB 639** (Sen. Klouse) - Require commercial dental benefit plans to be transparent with dental loss ratios and hold them accountable to spend 85% of patient premiums on direct patient care. *Hearing scheduled for March 10th.*

**LB 147** (Sen. Hansen) - Eliminates the statute the NDA amended in 2008, requiring communities over 1,000 population to fluoridate public water. *Hearing not scheduled. OPPOSE BILL*

# Annual Session Registration Packet

## Cornhusker Marriott

Please look in the middle of this newsletter to find your 2025 Annual Session Registration packet. No packets will be mailed so please share with your entire dental team. We have a great line up of speakers for you and your dental team. **Please register online if possible!** We also have a fun kick off party planned at Memorial Stadium that will be held in conjunction with our NDA Awards Banquet. Tickets are limited, so register early if you would like to attend!

For those registering online, we have contracted with **Eleventh and Gather** to provide online registration for this year's meeting. Attendees can register using the link on the NDA website at [www.nedental.org](http://www.nedental.org). Once logged into the system, dentists can register their entire team under one registration. Attendees will receive a badge number or registration ID which they can use to log in and access their CE credits following the meeting. CE codes for each session will be announced at the conclusion of each course and will also be available on signage.



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All NDA members who have paid their 2025 membership dues can attend the annual session continuing education for no additional fee. However, you must still register for the meeting! If you have not paid your dues, please go to the NDA website to pay your dues or call the NDA with a credit card.

Make your hotel reservations at the Cornhusker Marriott by using the link on our website at [www.nedental.org](http://www.nedental.org) or by calling the hotel directly.

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2025 membership dues were due on January 1, 2025, and are delinquent on March 31, 2025, at which time the ADA will cut off membership benefits. 2025 membership dues must be paid to attend the NDA annual session on April 10-11, 2025. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues!

The ADA transitioned to a new software database which is the database that the NDA uses for our communications, as well as our dues invoices. As a result, we are following their new protocols with the e-mailing of invoices. Although the change has been challenging, we are embracing the new technology and moving forward. We communicated this change to members beginning this Fall in multiple ways – emails, text alerts, the newsletter, the NDA website, and social media. Multiple reminder emails have been sent by the ADA dating back to November 2024. These emails will continue in the coming months. Please watch your inboxes.

The emailed invoices include a link to pay the dues directly from the email. You can also follow the link on the NDA website which will take you to the ADA log-in page. If you prefer to pay your dues with a check, please print out the invoice and send it along with your check payment. You can also fax your invoice with payment information to 402-476-2641 or call the NDA office.

If you have retired from the practice of dentistry, or plan to retire in the next couple of months, the ADA does require that you fill out a retired affidavit which can be accessed through your ADA online portal.



# ADA Tenth District Trustee

## Dr. Sara Stuefen



**Dr. Sara Stuefen**

**Dr. Stuefen** succeeds **Dr. Scott Morrison** as the 10th District Trustee. In addition to serving as Trustee, she serves as an American Dental Association (ADA) Success Speaker, lecturing to dental students across the country.

Dr. Stuefen is a 2022 graduate of the prestigious ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership. She serves on a national workgroup evaluating and developing quality measures for dentistry. Through her experiences she has been fortunate to become a published co-author of a dental ethics article in the Journal of the American Dental Association and has been interviewed for several podcasts.

As we dive into 2024, we're embracing both challenges and opportunities. Through it all, we stay focused on progress, innovation, and supporting our members. With a sense of hope and optimism, we look back on recent transitions at the ADA, recognizing the resilience of our community and the exciting road ahead.

After four years as ADA executive director, **Dr. Raymond Cohlmi** resigned from his position. Dr. Cohlmi had an incredible vision for the association and was instrumental in leading transformational change at the ADA. The Board named Dr. Elizabeth Shapiro as interim ADA executive director and we have already had a chance to experience her remarkable leadership. The Board has a strong north-star for the vision of the ADA and we will continue along this path as we forge the future of dentistry.

In 2024 the ADA started to undertake a change to a new database platform called Salesforce/Fonteva. Once complete, this platform will work across the entire tripartite for every ADA member. This has been a big initiative and the transition hasn't been as smooth as we would have liked.

State and component society staff have shown patience and perseverance as the ADA works out the kinks. Next time you see your friendly Nebraska Dental Association team please recognize them for their incredible commitment to its members. They deserve a pat on the back, fist bump, and even a hug. During the most recent ADA board meeting we made a commitment to dedicate more resources and personnel necessary to bring the dream of a tailored technological experience to every single ADA member to fruition.

With the Board fully committed to our mission to help all members succeed we adopted a new advisory committee, the Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Interprofessional Relationships, to represent all members of the tripartite. We also evolved our Institute for Diversity in Leadership into the Leadership Institutes. The ADA Leadership Institutes will help to further grow and develop members who want to become leaders in our profession.

Member success would not be possible without a focus on mental well-being and the ADA's commitment to our members is further exemplified by the addition of Talkspace Go as a

new resource for ADA members and dental students. This is a self-guided therapy app to support mental health in a suite of self-guided resources such as counseling programs, live classes, and mental health tools.

The ADA building has been an iconic part of a visit to Chicago for many of our members. Many of you have probably taken your photo in front of the building, in front of the logo in the main entrance, and in the boardroom. Like saying goodbye to the house that you grew up in, there were mixed emotions as we said our final farewells to 211 E. Chicago. I had an opportunity to visit the new ADA offices, and rest assured that the new location will bring us new memories and new iconic photo locations. The new offices are state of the art, light-filled, and warm and provide a variety of work spaces for everyone. Much of my growth as a leader happened in 211 E. Chicago, but I can't help but be filled with a sense of excitement and optimism for what a new journey in 401 N. Michigan will offer. Here's to new beginnings and endless possibilities.

**Sara Stuefen, DDS**  
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# Patients Prefer e-Prescribing

## (You Should Too)

By Robert McDermott | President & CEO, iCoreConnect

When it comes to dental practices, we may not think of applying customer service best practices. However, shifting to patient-focused care means looking at how practice processes are impacting patients. Efficient and effective operations can provide an improved patient experience which, in turn, pays off for your practice. So, investing in tools like ePrescribing software can significantly improve the patient experience.

Patient experience is a critical component of overall healthcare, encompassing every interaction a patient has with the healthcare system and your practice. First and foremost, a positive experience encourages patients to actively participate in their care, engage with patient education efforts, and adhere to medication regimens. Additionally, patients who feel valued are more likely to recommend the dental practice to others and return for future care.

But, while positive patient experiences can help improve satisfaction, it can still be difficult to get prescriptions filled. Even with the switch to EHRs and a digital transformation over the last decade, there are still some providers relying on traditional (paper) prescriptions, which create concerns for patients. These include issues with accessibility, convenience, communication, finances, privacy and security.

Given these challenges, it should come as no surprise that patients prefer ePrescriptions for a variety of reasons:

- Improved convenience- Patients can skip the step of dropping off and picking up physical prescriptions at the pharmacy.
- No more lost prescriptions- ePrescriptions are stored in the pharmacy's database, making it easier for patients to access them when needed, get refills, and for pharmacists to keep track of interactions.
- Faster service- Pharmacists can start preparing the medication as soon as they receive it, leading to shorter wait times for patients at the pharmacy.
- Improved safety and privacy- ePrescriptions can include checks for drug interactions and allergies. Further, because the prescription is transmitted directly, there's no risk of unwanted eyes on prescriptions.



As noted, ePrescriptions streamline service. While happier patients with greater satisfaction and trust is a significant win for any practice, there are additional benefits.

1. ePrescribing streamlines the prescription process. ePrescribing enables providers to send prescriptions directly to pharmacies electronically.
2. Improved medication adherence means improved patient outcomes. ePrescribing simplifies the prescription process which helps patients stay on track with treatment plans.
3. Tailor your ePrescription software for your preferences, speeding up prescriptions. Dental providers can use ePrescription software to customize medication regimens based on both prescriber preferences and factors such as allergies, drug interactions, and patient preferences.
4. PMP/PDMP integration improves safety and saves lives. Having a single source of information regarding controlled substances is a powerful tool for efficiency and accuracy when checking prescription data.
5. Improve prescription accuracy and reduce prescription errors. Illegible handwriting, inaccurate information, abbreviations, are some of the primary causes and ePrescribing can prevent confusion and help avoid costly errors.

While improving the patient experience is a goal for many dental practices, finding situations where both patients and providers win is even better. ePrescribing is that kind of solution. NDA endorses iCoreRx cloud ePrescribing from iCoreConnect. Learn more and access your NDA member discount at [iCoreConnect.com/NE11](https://iCoreConnect.com/NE11).

# Southeast Community College - Lincoln

## Proposal for New Hygiene Program - Fall 2026

*The NDA Board of Trustees recently voted to send a letter of support for SCC's Program to the Commission. The information below was also sent to NDA members via eNews with the opportunity to send individual emails of support.*

*In January 2023, the NDA Board of Trustees sent a letter to UNMC College of Dentistry, Iowa Western Community College, Central Community College Southeast Community College, and Metro Community College, expressing the workforce shortage NDA members were experiencing and asking their institutions to either expand their current hygiene program or create a new hygiene program.*

**Source:** 2024 SCC Proposal for New Instructional Program to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Educators.

Southeast Community College (SCC) proposes to establish an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene. This degree is designed to prepare students for a career as a licensed dental hygienist. Dental hygienists hold an integral role in assisting individuals and groups in attaining and maintaining optimal oral health. They provide educational and clinical dental services to people and populations of all ages in diverse settings and capacities. The program will prepare dental hygienists to assess, diagnose, plan, implement, evaluate and document treatment for prevention, intervention, and control of oral diseases. They work in close collaboration with other dentistry and healthcare professionals to deliver integrated care. Dental



hygienists are employed in both clinical, corporate, public health, and research settings including private dental practices, community clinics and health services, hospitals, university dental clinics, prison facilities, nursing homes, sales, product development, and schools.

The proposed AAS in Dental Hygiene is designed for individuals with a strong desire to work in the healthcare field and who are passionate about improving patients' oral and overall health. They often possess good hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills, which are essential for performing precise dental hygiene procedures. They enjoy interacting with people and are capable of effectively educating patients on oral hygiene practices and the importance of dental care. They have an aptitude for critical thinking and clinical as well as an interest in subjects such as anatomy, physiology, and chemistry, which are foundational

to dental hygiene education. A career in dental hygiene provides graduates with strong job prospects and opportunities for growth, as dental hygienists are in demand in our communities. This program will provide students with the requirements to successfully complete the written National Board of Dental Hygiene Examination and complete regional and state clinical board examinations for professional licensure.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) requires program delivery to be a combination of classroom/online didactic instruction, with laboratory practice and clinical experiences to ensure students meet competencies and are well-prepared for the workforce. As shown in the curriculum plan below, the **AAS** in Dental Hygiene includes oral anatomy, pathology, regulatory standards, and public health principles.



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## Ocean Cruises



Never pay full price for a cruise again. ADA Members can enroll for free and receive up to \$1,000 in instant cruise savings with Avid Traveling. Explore over 30,000 itineraries, get member-only prices and earn annual cruise rewards. From over-the-top mega-ships with Royal Caribbean in the Mexican Riviera to all-inclusive mega-yachts with Seabourn in Antarctica, start checking off your travel bucket list.



## Student Loan Consult



ADA Members get a free 30-minute consultation with a Laurel Road student loan specialist at GradFin.<sup>3</sup> Through a one-on-one consultation, your student loan specialist can analyze your student loan history, review your repayment and forgiveness options, and help you create a personalized plan. Plus, ADA members get a special 20% discount<sup>4</sup> on an annual membership with GradFin.



## Branded Gear



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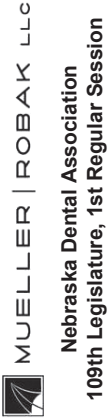
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# Legislation NDA is Tracking

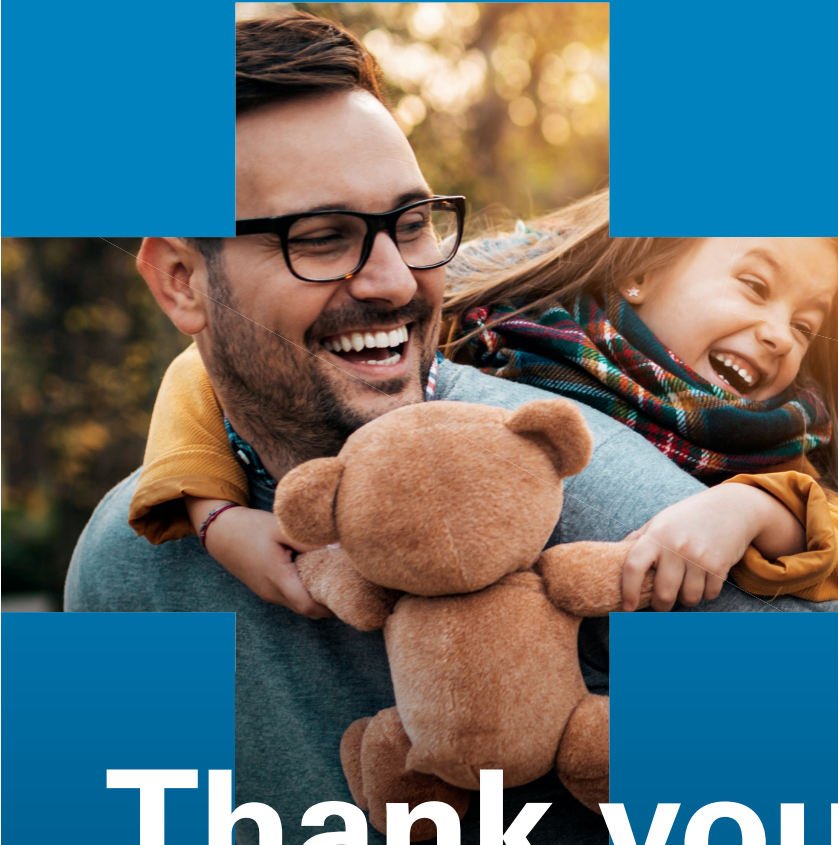
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LB9	Hughes	Monitor	General Affairs		Committee 01/17/2025	Change provisions relating to cigarette taxes and the Tobacco Products Tax Act and provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues
						<i>Applies the cigarette tax to a "nicotine analog" and defines it as a substance having a chemical structure similar to nicotine or that affects the nervous system in a substantially similar way. Adjusts enforcement process if taxes are not properly paid under certain circumstances.</i>
LB27	Ballard	Support	Health and Human Services	01/22/2025	Committee 01/13/2025	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
						<i>Appropriates \$1.5M from the Medicaid Excess Profit Fund to fund loan repayment for dentists who see disproportionate amounts of Medicaid patients. Dentists would be eligible for \$60,000 per year for 5 years.</i>
LB77	Bosiar	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/10/2025	Committee 01/13/2025	Adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act
						<i>Requires prior authorization requirements and restrictions be made readily accessible on a website available to enrollees and health care providers. Requires an entity to provide notice of any changes to prior authorization requirements or restrictions and to update websites. Requires all adverse determinations related to prior authorization to be made by a licensed physician with appropriate training. If requires written notice to the health care provider when an adverse determination is made, including the reason for denial and citing written medical criteria. Requires that the treating physician have an opportunity to discuss the reasons for denial with the determining physician under certain circumstances. Requires that an appeal of denial be reviewed by an independent licensed physician with appropriate training. Provides that on or before November 1, 2025, DHHS shall approve a uniform prior authorization request form for prescription drugs, devices, and durable medical equipment and a uniform prior authorization request form for all other health care procedures, treatments, and services. Prohibits the requirement of prior authorization for emergency health care services, pre-hospital transportation for patients and providers with regard to prior authorization requirements.</i>
LB83	Rountree	Support	Health and Human Services	01/30/2025	Committee 01/14/2025	Adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact
						<i>If adopted the interstate compact would allow a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in a different compact state to practice under a compact privilege in Nebraska subject to Nebraska law and regulations.</i>
LB119	Hardin	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/29/2025	Committee 01/14/2025	Provide requirements for the Rural Health Opportunity Program and provide tuition waivers
						<i>Codifies RHOP program for University of Nebraska and directs intent to provide state appropriation to pay for the waived tuition.</i>
LB125	Hughes	Monitor	General Affairs		Committee 01/14/2025	Provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues and include alternative nicotine products under the Tobacco Products Tax Act
						<i>Provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues and include alternative nicotine products under the Tobacco Products Tax Act for purposes of being subject to an excise tax.</i>
LB146	Ibach	Support	Appropriations		Committee 01/15/2025	State intent regarding appropriations for dental services under the Medical Assistance Act
						<i>12.5% Medicaid rate increase for dental services.</i>
LB147	Hansen	Oppose	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/15/2025	Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions
						<i>Repeals section 71-3305, which generally requires cities over 1000 in population to add fluoride to their water supply. Would instead put into statute that cities may add fluoride to their water.</i>
LB148	Hansen	Support	Health and Human Services	01/30/2025	Committee 01/15/2025	Change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act
						<i>Changes the requirement to take the CRDTS practical exam to passing a standardized national exam approved by the dental board. A standardized national exam is defined as one that is simulation based or manikin based clinical competency psychomotor exam that includes specific competencies. Such exams can be reviewed annually by the board and must be reviewed every three years. Clarifies language related to the jurisprudence examination. Changes the reciprocity practice standard from three years with one year immediately preceding the application for reciprocity to one year.</i>
LB170	Brandt	Monitor	Revenue		Committee 01/15/2025	Eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks
						<i>Eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks.</i>
LB210	Riepe	Monitor	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/16/2025	Provide for fees and assessments for participation and use of the prescription drug monitoring program and the designated health information exchange
						<i>Allows for charging of access fees to any prescriber or dispenser to access the prescription drug monitoring system. Allow assessment on any use or prescription drug monitoring system. Would impose a XX fee on PBMs for nontreatment use of the prescription drug monitoring system. Allows health care facilities and health insurance plans to be charged a fee as a user of the designated health information exchange. Intent is to provide a funding stream to support these two programs outside of general fund dollars.</i>
LB285	Lonowski	Support	General Affairs		Committee 01/17/2025	Prohibit the sale of flavored vape products
						<i>Prohibits the sale of flavored vapor products.</i>
LB322	Clouse	Support	Judiciary	02/12/2025	Committee 01/21/2025	Prohibit assault on a pharmacist and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals
						<i>Includes pharmacists to the list of professions where assault on a member of such profession will result in enhanced penalties</i>

# Legislation NDA is Tracking

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LB331	Hardin		Revenue		Committee 01/21/2025	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act and terminate tax provisions  Imposes a 7.5% consumption tax and eliminates property taxes, the inheritance tax, sales and use tax, income tax, TEEOSA, community college aid, TIF, and the Motor vehicle tax and motor vehicle fee. Cities and counties may impose an additional 1% tax. Land is not subject to the consumption tax but construction of new buildings is and realtor fees are subject to the tax. Retains the motor fuels tax and various other excise taxes, which would not have the consumption tax imposed on top of them.
LB369	Hunt	Monitor	Judiciary	02/07/2025	Committee 01/21/2025	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care pursuant to a juvenile court order. Also provides that other than persons in custody of DHHS pursuant to a juvenile court order. Also provides that persons under 19 years of age who care committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care may consent to, and make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the department without the consent, except in the case of abortion (section 71-6902).
LB380	Fredrickson	Monitor	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/21/2025	Establish requirements for Department of Health and Human Services' contractors providing medical assistance services  Prohibits Managed Care Organizations from reducing department posted Medicaid rates and imposing quantitative of financial limitations on the provision of services. Also requires them to maintain an adequate provider network for mental health and substance abuse disorders. Requires the application of criteria in accordance with recognized standards of care. Not rescind or modify an authorization for mental health or substance abuse disorder after the provider renders service pursuant to a determination of medical necessity. Requires DHHS to (1) establish a monthly electronic communication system with all health care providers in the medical assistance program relating to any amendment or other change in the contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations; (2) Define network adequacy; and (3) annually post criteria used by the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care to assess network adequacy and each managed care organization's compliance on the DHHS website.
LB381	Fredrickson	Support	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/21/2025	Change requirements relating to program integrity audits under the Medical Assistance Act  Directs DHHS to establish clear written justification to providers for commencing an audit. Must review claims within 1 year (current law is 4) and states claims cannot be adjusted one year from the date of payment unless in the case of fraud. Must not schedule onsite audits without 10 days advance notice and try to obtain mutually agreed upon time and date. Allow 90 days for requested documentation. Expands details that will be included in written notification and explanation of an adverse determination. Would exclude from scope of review a claim that is not a primary insurance claim. States contracts for auditing services based on contingent fees cannot be greater than 12.5% of amounts recovered not amounts identified. States the contractor shall not recoup an overpayment until all appeals have been exhausted.
LB436			Health and Human Services		Committee 01/23/2025	Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act
LB532	Kauth		Business and Labor		Committee 01/24/2025	Require employers to use E-Verify, prohibit knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien, and provide for discipline against employers' licenses  Requires employers to verify the employment authorization of each new employee using the E-Verify system within the timeframe stipulated by federal law. If the Commissioner of Labor determines non-compliance, the employer will be notified and has fifteen working days to contest the citation or penalty. Upon a final determination or violation, the commissioner will notify relevant licensing agencies to: First Violation: Place the employer's license on probation for one year, requiring compliance reports. Repeat Violation: Suspend the employer's license for ten thirty days, as determined by the commissioner. The bill states employers are prohibited from knowingly employing unauthorized aliens. Violations may result in penalties, including probation or suspension of licenses. Employers found in violation may be subject to civil penalties, including fines, as determined by the Department of Labor. Employee is defined as An individual performing labor or services in Nebraska under an employment relationship. Employer is defined as A person engaged in an industry with twenty-five or more employees for each working day in twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding year. This excludes governmental agencies and entities hiring bona fide independent contractors.
LB553	Riepe		Health and Human Services		Committee 01/24/2025	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act  Allows dietitian nutritionists to receive loan repayments from the program. Does not add any new funding to the program.
LB554	Riepe		Health and Human Services		Committee 01/24/2025	Create the Nebraska Health Professions Commission  Tasks commission to serve as a factfinding body to investigate proposals for credentialing health professions or changing scope of practice regulations. Sets review standards based on current statutory criteria. Recommendations shall be sent to the HHS committee of the legislature. Commission consists of members representing colleges of medicine, the chief medical officer, the chairperson of the Board of Health, and up to seven additional members, no more than two of which may be from the same regulated profession. Appropriates \$300,000 annually to support this effort.
LB639	Clouse		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	03/10/2025	Committee 01/24/2025	Require dental plan carriers to meet a minimum dental loss ratio and provide a report  Requires dental plans to spend 85% of their premiums on dental care.
LB688	Lonowski		General Affairs		Committee 01/24/2025	Prohibit advertising of electronic nicotine delivery systems  Would make it unlawful for any person to advertise any electronic nicotine delivery system in the State of Nebraska.
LB712	Hughes		Revenue		Committee 01/24/2025	Change the tax on sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems  Removes the distinction based on what the system contains and imposes a uniform tax on any electronic nicotine delivery system of 40% (instead of 10% of the purchase price paid by the first owner or the price at which the first owner who made, manufactured or fabricated the system sells the item to others.
LR10CA	Hardin	Oppose	Revenue		Committee 01/15/2025	Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items  Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items.
LR11CA	Hardin	Oppose	Revenue		Committee 01/15/2025	Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes  Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes.



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