

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 895

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Introduced by Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee,  
DeCamp, 40, Chairperson; Pappas, 42;  
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AN ACT relating to health care coverages and services;  
to state findings; to define a term; and to  
provide a requirement for legislative  
proposals.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Legislature recognizes the increasing number of proposals to mandate or require the offering of health care coverages or services by insurance or otherwise, health care service contractors, and health maintenance organizations as a component of insurance policies or employee welfare benefit plans. Improved access to health care services by segments of the population which desire such services can provide beneficial social and health consequences which may be in the public interest.

The cost ramifications of expanding health care coverages and services are a growing concern. The structures of such coverages or services and the steps taken to create incentives to provide cost-effective services or to take advantage of cost-offsetting features of services can significantly influence the cost impact of mandating particular coverages and services.

Sec. 2. For purposes of this act, health care coverages or services shall mean any services rendered for a fee which are included in the furnishing to any individual of medical care, or other services incident to the furnishing of such care, as well as the furnishing to any person of any and all other services for the purpose of preventing, alleviating, curing, or healing human illness or injury.

Sec. 3. No legislative proposal to mandate or require the offering of health care coverages or services shall apply to any insurer unless the proposal applies equally to employee welfare benefit plans described in 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.