

**Medicaid Reform Advisory Council
Minutes
October 12, 2007**

Members Present (5): Kathy Campbell (Vice Chair), Gayle-ann Douglas, Pam Perry, Cory Shaw, and Pat Snyder.

Members Absent (5): Senator Phil Erdman, Mary Lee Fitzsimmons, Linda Ollis, Senator Don Pederson (Chair), and Steve Martin.

The meeting was convened by Ms. Campbell at approximately 10:00 a.m. in room 1510 of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska. Ms. Campbell called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented. Minutes of the March 14, 2007 meeting were approved as amended.

Vivianne Chaumont, Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care in the Department of Health and Human Services, and Deb Scherer from the division presented the draft Medicaid SCHIP¹ report as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-949(2).² A final report will be submitted to the council, the Governor, and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2007.

Ms. Chaumont presented an update of Medicaid reform activities by the division.

Public comment was provided by Jennifer Carter, of Lincoln, representing the Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest; David Fried and Steph Messer, of Omaha, representing Community Alliance; Kathy Hoell, of Lincoln, representing the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council; and J. Rock Johnson, of Lincoln, representing herself.

The council requested additional clarification regarding the meaning of the requirement in Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-494(2) that the division “develop recommendations relating to the provision of health care and related services for medicaid-eligible children under the state children’s health insurance program as allowed under Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act” (emphasis added). The council intends to meet again in November 2007 to discuss the draft report.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Campbell at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Health and Human Services Committee staff. Minutes are intended to provide only a general summary of council proceedings. A complete transcript of the meeting is available.

¹ State Children’s Health Insurance Program, authorized under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act.

² **Neb. Rev. Stat §68-949**

“ . . . (2)(a) The department shall develop recommendations relating to the provision of health care and related services for medicaid-eligible children under the state children’s health insurance program as allowed under Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. Such study and recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the organization and administration of such program, the establishment of premiums, copayments, and deductibles under such program, and the establishment of limits on the amount, scope, and duration of services offered to recipients under such program.

(b) The department shall provide a draft report of such recommendations to the committee and the Medicaid Reform Council no later than October 1, 2007. The council shall conduct a public meeting no later than October 15, 2007, to discuss and receive public comment regarding such report. The council shall provide any comments and recommendations regarding such report in writing to the director and the committee no later than November 1, 2007. The department shall provide a final report of such recommendations to the Governor, the committee, and the council no later than December 1, 2007. . . .” (LB 1248, 2006).