

**Medicaid Reform Advisory Council
Minutes
March 14, 2007**

Members Present: Senator Don Pederson (Chair), Gayle-ann Douglas, Senator Phil Erdman, Mary Lee Fitzsimmons, Linda Ollis, Pam Perry, and Pat Snyder.

Members Absent: Kathy Campbell (Vice Chair), Steve Martin, Cory Shaw.

The meeting was convened by Senator Pederson at approximately 1:40 p.m. in room 1510 of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska. Senator Pederson called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented. Minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Jeff Santema, Legal Counsel to the Health and Human Services Committee, provided an update of Medicaid-related legislation introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session.

Liz Hruska, legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented a report of preliminary Medicaid General Fund recommendations made by the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

Mary Steiner, Medicaid administrator, presented the final biennial summary and analysis of the Medicaid program for review and discussion by the council, as required by LB 1248 (2006).¹

There was no other business and no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned by Senator Pederson at approximately 3:30p.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 Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-908. “. . . (4)(a) The department shall prepare a biennial summary and analysis of the medical assistance program for legislative and public review, including, but not limited to, a description of eligible recipients, covered services, provider reimbursement, program trends and projections, program budget and expenditures, the status of implementation of the Medicaid Reform Plan, and recommendations for program changes.

(b) The department shall provide a draft report of such summary and analysis to the Medicaid Reform Council no later than October 1 of each even-numbered year. The council shall conduct a public meeting no later than October 15 of such year 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 of such year. The department shall submit a final report of such summary and analysis to the Governor, the Legislature, and the council no later than December 1 of such year” (Laws 2006, LB 1248, §8).