

Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska, writes to support consideration of LB 851.

Medicaid is often the primary health insurance for children with disabilities and their families and disruptions in coverage can pose significant risk to their healthcare. Disability Rights Nebraska supports the continuous eligibility for minors as proposed in LB 851 as that would ensure that minors, often with disabilities, who need the services provided through Medicaid, will have continuous access to necessary healthcare.

Disability Rights Nebraska recommends advancing LB 851. We believe it would improve the lives of vulnerable youth with disabilities in Nebraska. At a minimum, given the unique nature of this truncated session, the legislature should have a robust discussion of the proposal components in a subsequent session or over the interim.

If there are further questions or comment, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience: brad@drne.org or 402-474-3183.

Sincerely,

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