

March 15, 2018

Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska, the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska, writes in support of LB 835.

We support the added clarity and transparency of roles, responsibilities, and expectations of both the state and behavioral health managed care organizations proposed in this legislation. Both the transparency and increased accountability of behavioral health managed care organizations and the state through the appeals and external audit process outlined in LB 835 will be instrumental in addressing issues providers and individuals with disabilities have encountered under managed care and we expect will continue or solidify progress of efforts already underway¹.

For further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience: brad@drne.org, or 402-474-3183.

Sincerely,

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¹ Martha Stoddard, "Nebraska's new Medicaid managed care system blamed for problems with billing and getting approval for care", *Omaha World Herald*, May 15, 2017, available at http://www.omaha.com/livewellnebraska/health/nebraska-s-new-medicaid-managed-care-system-blamed-for-problems/article_77b8ccea-651c-55dc-a35b-ec3b6d2a3ad0.html