

SCHEDULE OF HHS INTERIM STUDY HEARINGS
2019

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September 13 (Lincoln)

- 9:00 a.m. – Room 1510
 - **Briefing** on Rate Methodology for Nursing Homes and Hospitals
 - Jeremy Brunssen, Director of Finance and Program Integrity, Division of Medicaid
 - *Invited Testimony Only*
 - **LR 244** (Hansen) Interim study to examine discrepancies in reimbursement under the medical assistance program between the three Heritage Health managed care plans and the impacts of applying multiple-procedure payment-reduction policy to therapy services
- 1:30 p.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 105** (HHS) Interim study to investigate the eligibility requirements applied to children for the home and community-based waiver for aged and disabled persons under the Medical Assistance Act.

September 27 (Lincoln)

- 10:00 a.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 160** (Howard) Interim study to assess the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraskans and the current shortages of services and resources
- 1:30 p.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 135** (Hunt) Interim study to examine issues related to food insecurity in Nebraska communities
 - **LR 173** (Quick) Interim study to examine health concerns related to the public use of and secondhand exposure to electronic nicotine delivery systems and other products

October 2 (Geneva)

- 1:30 p.m. – Heartland Bank, 896 G Street, Geneva
 - **LR 103** (Lowe) Interim study to review staffing concerns, including, but not limited to staff retention, at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, the Lincoln Regional Center, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva, and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney
 - **LR 200** (Quick) Interim study to examine programming provided at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the needs for additional programming

October 3 (Kearney)

- 1:30 p.m. – UNK, Nebraska Student Union, Antelope Room, 1013 West 27th Street, Kearney
 - **LR 103** (Lowe) Interim study to review staffing concerns, including, but not limited to staff retention, at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, the Lincoln Regional Center, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva, and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney
 - **LR 200** (Quick) Interim study to examine programming provided at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the needs for additional programming
 - **LR 139** (Lowe) Interim study to examine the feasibility of increasing the presence of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in central and western Nebraska by strengthening collaborations with the University of Nebraska at Kearney

October 25 (Lincoln)

- 9:00 a.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 239** (HHS Committee) Interim study to examine non-court involved cases, including voluntary and alternative response cases, in the child welfare system
 - **Briefing** on transition from PromiseShip to St. Francis in the Eastern Service Area
 - *Invited Testimony Only*
- 1:30 p.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 134** (Slama) Interim study to examine the drug testing protocol recently changed by the Division of Children and Family Services for families involved in the child welfare system
 - **LR 233** (Arch) Interim study to examine fingerprint collection and national criminal history record information checks for employees of child care facilities and child-caring agencies.

November 1 (Lincoln)

- 9:00 a.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 216** (Walz) Interim study to examine funding priorities for the Medicaid home and community based services waivers under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.
- 1:30 p.m. – Room 1510
 - **1115 Waiver Proposal for Medicaid – Public Hearing**

December 13 (Lincoln)

- 9:00 a.m. – Room 1510
 - **Briefing** – Nebraska Children’s Commission
 - *Invited Testimony Only*
 - **Briefing** – Issues related to Optometry
 - *Invited Testimony Only*

- **Briefing** – Issues related to Medicaid Audit of Dentists
 - *Invited Testimony Only*
- 1:30 p.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 243** (Hunt) Interim study to examine the practice of medical refusal for contraception, sterilization, or abortion services by health care facilities and providers

December 18 (Lincoln)

- 9:00 a.m. – Room 1510
 - **LR 250** (Walz) Interim study to examine programs relating to development and implementation of the plan for providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community-based settings, commonly referred to as the Olmstead Plan
 - **LR 193** (Bolz) Interim study to assess implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act in Nebraska and identify opportunities for children and families
- 1:30 p.m. – Room 1510 – **Joint Hearing with Judiciary Committee**
 - **LR 163** (HHS Committee) Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee.
 - Focus on YRTC issues and proposed Business Plan