



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Medicaid Therapy Coverage

- This bill requires Medicaid to cover functional family therapy and multisystemic therapy for youth as a covered service if approved by CMS.
- Nebraska covers FFT at an enhanced general psychotherapy rate. DHS says that the cost of developing an enhanced rate for FFT and establishing coverage for MST is difficult to assess without understanding what percentage of Medicaid recipients would qualify to receive and subsequently utilize these services.
- **Fiscal Note:** FFT costs \$3,600 per juvenile and MST costs \$7068 per juvenile. DHS estimates that utilization will be between \$118,799 and \$196,665 state general fund annually.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Medicaid Reimbursement – Functional Family Therapy and Multisystemic Therapy for Youth

Requires DHS to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to request the addition of functional family therapy and multisystemic therapy for youth as covered services.

Defines “functional family therapy” as “an evidence-based practice using a short-term, phased, family-focused prevention and intervention clinical model targeting at-risk youth and designed to improve family dynamics, communications, and support while decreasing negativity and dysfunctional patterns of behavior.

Defines “multisystemic therapy” as “evidence-based practice using an intensive community-based, family-involved treatment process targeting high-risk youth that focuses on and addresses the multiple environmental systems that contribute to or influence a youth’s involvement or potential involvement in the juvenile justice system.