

# LB108 Fact Sheet

## Support for Federally Qualified Health Centers



Health Center Association  
OF NEBRASKA

### Please support LB 108 by submitting a comment

1) By **Thursday, March 23 at 12:00pm Central Time** - submit a written comment online for LB 108 by clicking on this link:

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=49930](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=49930)

#### Submit Written Comment

LB108

State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for community health centers

Hearing Date: March 24, 2023

Hearing Time: 1:30

Hearing Location: Room 1525

The deadline to submit and verify a comment for the hearing record for LB108 is Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 12:00 PM Central Time.

All fields are required

Include Comment in Hearing Record

Yes  No

First Name

Last Name

Street

City

State

Zip

Email Address

To confirm your submission, a link from **Nebraska Legislature** with a subject line of **Verify your Written Comment for LB108** will be sent to this email.

Need step-by-step instructions? Check out this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG4TKfTHJk>

2) Use any of the talking points below to submit your comment. Click 'Yes' to include comment in hearing.

3) You will get an email asking you to click a link to confirm your comment submission.

Talking points for comments:

I support LB 108 because:

- Nebraska's Community Health Centers are an essential element of the social safety net but they are running out of space. 95% of health center patients are low income and 30% are uninsured. Over 113,000 Nebraskans received care at one of the seven FQHCs statewide but there is still a huge need in the state.
- Over 30% of uninsured Nebraskans received care at an FQHC
- 12% of all Medicaid enrollees received care at an FQHC
- Over the last five years, Nebraska's health centers experienced a 34% increase in patients
- Access to health care continues to be an issue for low income and uninsured Nebraskans.
  - 17% of adults lack health insurance
  - 12% unable to see a provider because of cost
  - 418,000 low income Nebraskans not served by a health center

Nebraska's Workforce Crisis

- Every Community Health Center has open staff positions
  - One health center currently has no dental hygienists on staff
  - Health centers are hiring contract providers, at a significantly higher cost, to fill gaps
  - Every health center is hiring for behavioral health staff in order to keep up with demand
- Every Nebraska County, except Douglas and Lancaster, has been designated as a shortage area for at least one kind of primary care specialty
- Nearly all rural counties have either no physician or are severely under resourced