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**(Neb.) - Hearing will address Medicaid changes**

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - New proposed Medicaid regulations are the topic of a Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services hearing this week.

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care is holding this hearing to accept comments on proposed new Medicaid regulations related coverage of freestanding birth center services at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln.

The proposed regulations will establish: Standards for participation in Medicaid; covered birth center procedures and services; billing requirements; and payment provisions.

Anyone may attend and comment at the hearing or submit comments in writing. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5 p.m. on Friday.

For more information, or for draft copies of the proposed changes, call 402-471-9022, or visit online at <http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regtrack/index.cgi>.

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