

LB227 **Pilot Project**

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Legislative Bill 227



Purpose:

- Patients with complex health needs are able to access timely transition from an acute care hospital to a post-acute care setting
- Patients receive the appropriate type of care at the appropriate time to best meet their needs
- Acute-care hospitals have available capacity to meet the needs of patients

Medically Complex Patient Advisory Council

- The Advisory Council serves a platform for collaboration between hospitals and post-acute representatives with the goal of addressing the capacity to transfer discharged medically complex patients to the appropriate post-acute location.
 - Large Health Systems
 - Rural Hospitals
 - Nursing Homes
 - Nebraska Healthcare Association
 - Nebraska Leading Age
 - Nebraska Hospital Association

This purpose of this Council is to provide recommendations and insights to the Nebraska Hospital Association regarding the criterion for Medically Complex Patients and the legislative funding of \$1M towards this initiative.

Defining Eligibility

An eligible acute care hospital means a facility that is not designated as a critical access hospital by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and must attest that they reached or exceeded 80% of available staffed capacity for adult intensive-care-unit beds and acute care inpatient medical-surgical beds during the 7 days prior to the complex patient transfer

An eligible post-acute facility means a facility that can provide care for a medically complex patient and will be able to maintain caring for these patients beyond the pilot program.

- Nursing Homes
- Swingbeds

Defining a Complex Patient



A patient with serious medical, behavioral, and/or social needs for whom reasonable efforts to seek post-acute placement have been unsuccessful.

May include, but not limited to:

- Criminal History
- Sex Offenders
- Bariatric Care Needs
- Total Assistance for ADLs
- Tracheotomy
- Dialysis
- Wound Care Management
- Restraints and/or 1:1 Needs
- Chemo, Radiation, TPN, IV Therapy
- End of Life Care
- Behavioral Health Needs

Timeline



Funds must be used no later than June 30, 2025

Phase 1

Proposal submissions will begin January 1, 2024 – March 1, 2024
All proposals will be reviewed and responded to between
March 2, 2024 – March 15, 2024

Phase 2 (if funding still remains)

Proposal submissions will begin April 1, 2024 – June 1, 2024
Subsequent proposals will be reviewed and responded to between
June 2, 2024 – June 15, 2024

The Medically Complex Patient Advisory Council will publish updates on proposals and dollars spent through the Transitions of Care Council monthly throughput report

How to Request Funding – Phase 1



1. Request for Proposals should be submitted electronically via this [link](#).
 - Submissions will begin **January 1, 2024, to March 1, 2024.**
2. The proposal may be submitted individually or as a partnership with a hospital with the understanding that complex patients will be considered from any qualifying Nebraska hospital.
3. The proposal may NOT be for a specific patient but rather a complex population.
4. Funding uses could include (but not limited to): supplies, DME, training, facility structural changes, and funding for additional supporting positions as necessary to implement the program outlined in the RFP.

How to Request Funding – Phase 1

5. The Medically Complex Patient Advisory Council will review quality ratings that are publicly available to verify the performance of the facility. Additional information may be requested.
6. There is no limitation on funding per proposal but keep in mind that the goal of the pilot is to attempt various process improvement initiatives and to impact the largest number of patients.
7. The Nebraska Hospital Association in conjunction with the Medically Complex Advisory Council has the right to refuse any proposal or adjust timelines as necessary for needs identified.
8. When appropriate, the Association and Council will conduct a meeting with the submitting facility to review for clarification or revise a proposal.

How to Request Funding – Phase 2




If funding remains following Phase 1.

1. Submission criteria and process will remain the same as Phase 1.
2. Request for Proposals will be submitted electronically via a new link
 - Submissions will begin **April 1, 2024, to June 1, 2024.**

Request for Proposal


Request for Proposals - Medically Complex Patients


Proposal Requirements


* 1. Facility Name(s)  0

* 2. Goals and outcomes of your proposal  0


* 3. Timeline of implementation  0


* 4. Types of complex patients (population) you will care for  0


* 5. Number of patients you plan to accept, or beds allocated for this proposal  0

* 6. Details of implementation and resources (if applicable) Examples include:
-Plan for funding use: beds, supplies, specialized training, technology (i.e., cameras, alarms, etc.), construction, transportation, etc.  0

Request for Proposal


* 7. Experience and expertise to implement proposal. Examples include:
-Specialist coverage in caring for population
-Partnership for training  0

* 8. Funding:
-Itemized budget.  0


* 9. **Facilities must attest to sustainability in terms of long-term acceptance of patient types and explain how you will continue to serve this population after the pilot is over**  0

- Yes- My facility attests to sustainability in terms of long-term acceptance of patient types
- No- My facility does not attest to sustainability in terms of long-term acceptance of patient types

Explain how you will continue to serve this population after the pilot is over

* 10. I understand that additional information may be necessary for the Council to consider this proposal and agree to meet with the NHA and/or the Medically Complex Patient Advisory Council if needed.  0


- Yes
- No

11. Please upload any supporting documents.  0

No file chosen

12. Primary Contact Information  0

Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

13. Secondary Contact Information  0

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Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

Request for Proposal

Review Criteria

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

Innovation

1. Does the proposal provide compelling evidence in providing high quality care to Nebraska residents?
2. Does the proposed project impact complex patient populations?
3. Does the proposal provide well-defined milestones and deliverables?
4. Is there strong evidence of meaningful collaboration across the care continuum?

Quality of Proposal

1. Does the proposal provide a clear statement of overall project objectives?
2. Does the proposed project support appropriate placement of complex patients?
3. Does the proposal provide sound justification with clear and specific budget information?
4. Is the text of the proposal well-written?

Leverage

1. Will the project lead to further support of caring for complex populations within their facility?
2. Does the project offer significant opportunities to sustain change within their organization?
3. Does the project help build relationships with Nebraska Hospitals?

Feasibility

1. Does the organization demonstrate adequate knowledge and experience in working with complex patient populations?
2. Is the timeline proposed reasonable and realistic?
3. Is the project sustainable with expected improved outcomes for Nebraska patients?

Unified Goals



Getting Nebraskan's

- The Right Care
 - At the Right Time
 - In the Right Place

Key Takeaways



- **\$1 Million to use by June 30, 2025**
- **Requests for Proposals will be accepted beginning January 1, 2024**
- **No limits on funding requests**
- **Nursing Homes and Critical Access Hospitals are eligible for funding**
- **Support placement of complex patients**

THANK YOU!

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