

# Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska. Disability Rights Nebraska was created to assist individuals with disabilities and their families in protecting and advocating for their rights. We are writing in support of LB 101.

A November 2020 [report](#) from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) suggested that there may be “widespread issues” with Managed Care Organization (MCO) care management for beneficiaries of long-term care services, including injury, abuse, and neglect and financial costs associated with increased treatment needs. This finding held true not only in states with relatively new managed long-term care services and support programs, but also in states that have been operating those programs for many years. The GAO also found cases where the beneficiary experienced a functional decline, or their functional status did not change, but the MCO reduced the authorized number of personal care hours. Given the experiences of other states, extending the moratorium of managed care long-term care services and supports is only prudent.

Disability Rights Nebraska recommends LB 101 be advanced.

Sincerely,

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