

National MLTSS Health Plan Association

The [National MLTSS Health Plan Association](#) (MLTSS Association) appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments to the Nebraska Legislature regarding LB832: A bill to extend the prohibition of the addition of long-term care services and supports to the Medicaid managed care program.

The MLTSS Association represents managed care organizations (MCOs) that have Medicaid managed care contracts with one or more states and assume risk for long-term services and supports (LTSS) provided under Medicaid. Our members assist states in delivering high-quality LTSS at the same or lower cost as the fee-for-service (FFS) system with a particular focus on ensuring beneficiaries' quality of life and ability to live as independently as possible.

About half of states currently utilize some form of Managed LTSS, and more than 1.7 million Americans receive LTSS through a [managed care model](#). By entering into risk-based contracts with MCOs, states can move away from traditional FFS models, enabling lower-cost, high-quality care and greater flexibility to design programs that reflect population-specific needs.

States are intentionally moving toward MLTSS models because they offer more comprehensive care coordination, greater oversight and accountability, higher member satisfaction, and a greater ability to improve outcomes and quality of life for LTSS beneficiaries. MLTSS also provides states with a more sustainable financial model through capitated payment arrangements that allow states to manage expenditures more effectively while ensuring compliance with federal requirements. Additionally, individuals who choose MLTSS plans report higher levels of satisfaction with their care than those who use FFS. For example, a study conducted in 2021 reported that MLTSS beneficiaries [were 28% more likely](#) than FFS beneficiaries to be satisfied with their experience of care and quality of life.

Relatedly, LTSS is a major economic and workforce driver. Demand for home-based LTSS [will continue to grow](#) as the population ages. By 2032, the direct care workforce is projected to add over 860,000 new jobs, making it the largest-growing job sector in the United States. Given this growing need, managed care offers a proven model for states to deliver critical services in a way that ensures high-quality care, improves coordination, and uses resources more effectively to help individuals remain in their homes and communities.

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The National MLTSS Health Plan Association is pleased to provide input to the legislature as it deliberates on this bill. If you have any questions or would like to follow up on these comments, please contact us at info@mltss.org.