Medicaid Expansion is Topic for NET News Web Series, “Capitol Conversations”

NET News will examine LB577, a proposal before the Nebraska Legislature to expand Medicaid coverage to tens of thousands of low-income Nebraskans, on “Capitol Conversations,” a weekly web interview series hosted by Legislative reporter Fred Knapp. The segment will be available on the NET website (netNebraska.org/news) from Thursday, March 7, at 5 p.m. CT through Wednesday, March 13, at noon CT.

State Sen. Kathy Campbell (District 25, Lincoln), chair of the Nebraska Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee, will discuss questions raised in the Feb. 28 hearing about LB577, including how many Nebraskans will be affected and how the decision making process will move forward. LB577 addresses whether or not the state should expand Medicaid coverage to the population allowed under the national Affordable Care Act, which would include low-income families and other adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line.

“Capitol Conversations” is one component of NET’s multi-platform approach to legislative coverage, which also includes stories on NET Radio and gavel-to-gavel coverage on NET Television’s NET2 World when the legislature is in session.

The ten minute interview segments are issue-oriented and focus on one policymaker, a state senator or other person whose decisions or viewpoints affect Nebraskans. Each interview is designed to provide information about the guests’ views and opinions on a variety of issues and a closer look at what has shaped their political thinking. The web-only series runs through the Legislative session, with new content generally available each Thursday.

In addition to being available on the NET website, “Capitol Conversations” can be found on the NET News Facebook page or by following NET News on Twitter.

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