



# PROTECT PRENATAL CARE

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## TALKING POINTS:

- **All babies born in Nebraska should have the opportunity to be born healthy.**
- **Access to medical care before birth helps babies be born at a healthy weight and reduces the chances of premature birth, birth defects and other health complications for the newborn baby.**
- **Prenatal care saves babies' lives and saves the state money.** By preventing costly complicated births and poor birth outcomes, the state will realize a significant cost savings at birth and throughout the life of a healthy child.
- A baby born to a low-income mother will be eligible for Kids Connection the minute they are born, regardless of whether the mom was eligible for Medicaid. **By investing in prenatal care, we are investing in the life of the child and also eliminating high costs of poor birth outcomes, often borne by the state.**
- **There is a simple solution to protecting the health of babies born in Nebraska.** Through the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), we can continue to prioritize and protect the health of babies born in Nebraska.
- **This simple solution will generate at least \$4 million dollars in state general fund savings in the next three years and will save the state countless dollars in years beyond by preventing costly births and poor health outcomes that can persist throughout a child's lifetime.**
- **Healthy babies are worth the investment.**
- **Please support LB 1110 and help all babies born in Nebraska have an opportunity to be born healthy.**

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Investing in Healthy Moms and Healthy Babies ([Download Fact Sheet](#))

Prenatal Care: Keeping Babies Health, Saving Babies' Lives ([Download Fact Sheet](#))

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