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(Neb.)-Nebraska Lawmaker Seeks To Repeal Prenatal Care Law



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - A Nebraska lawmaker has moved to repeal a law that extends state-funded prenatal care services to illegal immigrants and other low-income women.

State Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont introduced the repeal measure on Wednesday, about six months after the new law went into effect.

Lawmakers restored services for women last year despite strong objections from Republican Gov. Dave Heineman. Heineman is also seeking to defund the program in the budget that he proposed to lawmakers.

Pregnant women lost access to the services in 2010, after the federal government ordered the state to stop providing them through Medicaid. The new law offers services through the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Nebraska Appleseed executive director Rebecca Gould says the bill seeks to undermine a fiscally responsible state policy that protects children's health.