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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

November 23, 2020

Clerk of the Legislature
Legislative Fiscal Office
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk of the Legislature:

In accordance with subsection 15 of section 92 of LB 294 (2019), the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC), provides this report regarding the status of the requirement contained within or pertaining to subsections 12 through 16 of the referenced legislation that MLTC seek federal approval to hire a contractor to study statewide access to long-term care and utilize certain federal funds to do so. As reported in 2019, MLTC sent this request on October 8, 2019 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

As of the date of this letter, MLTC has not received a reply from CMS related to this request. Subsection 13 of the referenced legislation makes federal approval a condition precedent to proceeding further relative to the provision of the study.

If you have any questions, please contact, Catherine Gekas Steeby, Administrator for Policy and Communications at Catherine.gekassteeby@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Brunssen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director
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Department of Health and Human Services