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**Annual Report on Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program
as required by Nebraska Revised Statute 68-158**

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The Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program was created in 2014 by Nebraska Revised Statute 68-158. This report covers the eighth full year of implementation (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022).

Nebraska Revised Statute 68-158 says, “The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a program to provide amino acid-based elemental formulas for the diagnosis and treatment of Immunoglobulin E and non-Immunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins, food-protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, eosinophilic disorders, and impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract, when the ordering physician has issued a written order stating that the amino acid-based elemental formula is medically necessary for the treatment of a disease or disorder. Up to fifty percent of the actual out-of-pocket cost, not to exceed twelve thousand dollars, for amino acid-based elemental formulas shall be available to an individual without fees each twelve-month period. The Department shall distribute funds on a first-come, first-served basis. Nothing in this section is deemed to be an entitlement.”

During the period covered by this report, the Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program served 70 individuals, which is a nine percent (9%) decrease from State Fiscal Year 20-21, and expended \$58,062 in formula reimbursement costs, which is a three percent (3%) increase from the prior year.