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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

December 15, 2024

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program Annual Report

Dear Mr. Metzler:

In fulfillment of Nebraska Revised Statute § 68-158, the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health submits this report showing the number of individuals served and the amount expended for the Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charity Menefee".

Charity Menefee
Director, Division of Public Health



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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-158

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July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Background

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 68-158 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to 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.
- Provide up to fifty percent of the actual out-of-pocket cost, not to exceed twelve thousand dollars, for amino acid-based elemental formulas to an individual without fees each twelve-month period.
- Distribute funds on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum total of General Fund expenditures per year shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars each fiscal year.
- Provide an electronic report to the Legislature annually on or before December 15.

Activities

The Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program served 34 individuals in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024, a 19 percent decrease from SFY 22-23. The program expended \$29,408.51 in formula reimbursement costs, a four percent increase from the prior year.

Additionally, the program conducted outreach to inform the medical community of the program by contacting Children's Hospital, doctor offices, and facilities that provide care to many of the patients who require medically necessary amino acid-based elemental formulas.