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physician practicing in Nebraska, but say that in another state a physician, or anyone that's allowed in that particular practice in another state, and then the patient moves to Nebraska, but in Nebraska that professional, a similar professional, would not be allowed on that case. Who would be disqualified? Or would anyone be disqualified? Would that out-of-state professional who has been with the patient then be disqualified because they're not allowed to practice in Nebraska in a similar manner?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, if they don't meet the qualifications that are required by the state of Nebraska, the narrow definitions in that particular scope of practice, they would not be allowed to order tests or any follow-ups in the state.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So the relationship with the out-of-state professional would need to be severed, that professional that probably knows more about the case than anyone else. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BYARS: Well, if they're truly a professional, they'll be recognized according to their scope of practice and according to the laws of the state of Nebraska. If in the state of Nebraska, through the 407 process, through the Board of Health process, through this Legislature's process of establishing a scope of practice, sees and has established in the statute that that person is not qualified to practice in the state, no, they would not be able to follow up, appropriately.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And I appreciate your response. So if there is a physician out of state who's been working on a case perhaps, or for whatever reason is called upon as a result of this legislation, and there has been some complaints filed on that physician, how would we be aware that that is the case?

SENATOR BYARS: If that physician is duly licensed to practice in another state, if that state has not revoked the license or placed on probation the license,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.