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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

November 13, 2024

The Honorable Ben Hansen
Health and Human Services Committee
Nebraska Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Chairman Hansen:

The Department of Health and Human Services' statement on the explanation of effectiveness of the Temporary Respiratory Care Practitioner license, below, reflects its sole views. The question has also been sent to the Board of Respiratory Care Practice and its response will be forwarded should they choose to opine.

This license type allows for practitioners to become credentialed and practice in certain circumstances, specifically military spouses while they complete their application for a regular credential. This is effective because it provides an additional avenue for practitioners to provide care, thus allowing for increased access to competent providers across the state.

Respiratory Care practitioner regulations have been effective by setting the minimum standards for licensure, defining the minimum qualification for maintaining a credential, and defining items specific to respiratory care that would be deemed unprofessional conduct and subject to disciplinary action. This is how the regulations are effective in protecting the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy A. Tesmer".

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