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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 Registered Nurse license, below, reflects its sole views. The question has also been sent to the Board of Nursing and its response will be forwarded should they choose to opine.

Nebraska has one Nurse Practice Act and three sets of regulations (Chapters 99, 97 and 101) that govern Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) practice. The Department governs all RN and LPN practice in Nebraska. The Board of Nursing is an important part of the regulation of this profession. This includes temporary registered nurse licenses and the circumstances under which those licenses may be issued to allow providers to practice while still being subject to Nebraska's requirements and regulations. The disciplinary actions taken show that nurses are accountable for the practice of nursing which aids in the assurance to the public that safe care is available.

Sincerely,

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

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD
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