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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 Licensed Practical 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.

This license type has been effectively regulated by the Board of Nursing. This is demonstrated by the lack of disciplinary actions taken against temporary Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licenses. Moreover, this license type allows for practitioners to become credentialed and practice in certain circumstances, such as during refresher training courses, upon completion of the licensure exam, or while completing an application for licensure with prior practice experience in other states. This is effective because it is providing additional practitioners to provide care, thus increasing access to competent providers.

Sincerely,

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

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD  
Chief Medical Officer