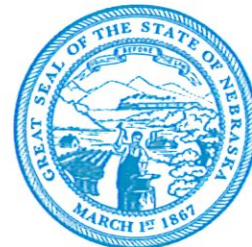


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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) 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 LPN and Registered Nurse (RN) practice. The Board of Nursing governs all LPN, and RN practice in Nebraska. As shown by the disciplinary actions taken in the completed OBRA survey, individuals are held accountable for the care provided to patients across the state.

In 2018, the Board asked the Legislature to rescind a specific statute that provided for an LPN to do intravenous (IV) therapy (LPN-C) and incorporated IV therapy for the LPN into the Nurse Practice Act, since IV therapy is taught in all Practical Nursing Schools in Nebraska. This change provided for additional education for any LPN who had not received IV education to create level expectations without an additional certification exam for the LPN.

Sincerely,

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

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD
Chief Medical Officer