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**Annual Report on Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program
as required by Nebraska Revised Statute §68-158**

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The Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program was created by Nebraska Revised Statute §68-158*, with the operative date of July 1, 2014. This report covers the third full year of implementation from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

During the time period of this report, program staff conducted the following activities:

1. Updated application guidelines and forms, which are posted on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/ElementalFormulaReimbursementProgram.aspx>.
2. Conducted outreach to inform the public of the program by working with Children's Hospital and Boys Town National Research Hospital, the facilities providing care to many of the patients that require medically necessary amino acid-based elemental formulas. In addition, staff have worked with doctors and clinics statewide that care for these patients.
3. Served 87 individuals (a 0.9 percent decrease), and expended \$98,297 in reimbursement of formula costs (a 0.1 percent decrease) compared to FY16.

*Nebraska Revised Statute §68-158

The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a program to provide amino acid-based elemental formulas for the diagnosis and treatment of Immunoglobulin E and non-Immunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins, food-protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, eosinophilic disorders, and impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract, when the ordering physician has issued a written order stating that the amino acid-based elemental formula is medically necessary for the treatment of a disease or disorder. Up to fifty percent of the actual out-of-pocket cost, not to exceed twelve thousand dollars, for amino acid-based elemental formulas shall be available to an individual without fees each twelve-month period. The department shall distribute funds on a first-come, first-served basis. Nothing in this section is deemed to be an entitlement. The maximum total General Fund expenditures per year for amino acid-based elemental formulas shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars each fiscal year in FY2014-15 and FY2015-16. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide an electronic report on the program to the Legislature annually on or before December 15 of each year.