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Jim Pillen, Governor

September 3, 2024

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

Dear Chairman Hansen:

The letter is to address the question of how surgical first assistants are regulated in other states.

A surgical first assistant training program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) is completed prior to taking the National Surgical First Assist Certification Exam which is accepted in all 50 states. The website for the National Surgical Assistant Association is <https://www.nsaa.net/>. This site includes a map of regulated states that may also be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole M. Barrett".

Nicole M. Barrett  
Director, Office of Legislative Services