

Occupational Reform Board Survey
Chair, Board of Nursing Home Administration

1. The public purpose and assumptions that underlie the creation of the license?

Long Term Care is one of the most highly regulated health care services in the United States. The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid continually modify and implement new regulatory requirements to manage care delivery to infirm individuals in our society. As such the complexity of providing care delivery services in compliance with substantial oversight while maintaining member centered care is challenging.

Specific requirements are required to provide Nursing Home Administrators the tools to successfully manage under complex regulations. Requirements necessary to support exceptional care delivery outcomes include Education, Competency testing, and Continuing Educational qualifications. These alone are not enough to ensure proper application in facility operations.

Providing oversight by professionals in the field, community leaders, and educators as part of the Nursing Home Administrator Board allows a broad overview and insight into supporting the Licensed Administrators of Nebraska and those individuals looking to enter the field of Health Care Delivery.

2. A statement from YOUR point of view about the effectiveness of the regulations for this profession?

Regulations are necessary to ensure consistent quality outcomes for Nebraska's most vulnerable. As such the application of regulations can be up to the discretion of the inspection process. The Nursing Home Administrator Board allows oversight into the specific application or failure to provide the proper application of said regulations. This important committee works with Nursing Home Administrators and the Regulatory leadership to assure compliance with Federal and State of Nebraska regulations.

3. What the harm may be if the occupation is no longer licensed, certified, or regulated?

Successful management of a Long Term Care Facility is extremely important by the leadership of the operation. It is even more relevant and apparent with COVID-19, as we have all witnessed with this new challenge and implementation of regulations to address the infection control processes of COVID-19. Nursing Home Administrators have to be flexible, knowledgeable, willing to accept and implement new requirements to prevent the spread of a serious virus within a vulnerable population. Not having Educational requirements, Competency testing and Continuing Education would create a failure for Nebraska's vulnerable population who depend on member centered care delivery.