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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

August 23, 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 acupuncturist license, below, reflects its sole views. The question has also been sent to the Board of Medicine and Surgery and its response will be forwarded should they choose to opine.

The public could experience harm if acupuncturists are not regulated. Having minimum standards for education and examinations to assess a practitioner's competency reduce the potential for harm to the public.

The regulations overseen by the Board of Medicine and Surgery have been effective by establishing standards that must be met to ensure competency of practitioners and by having a disciplinary process in place for addressing violations to ensure public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy A. Tesmer, MD".

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD
Chief Medical Officer