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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 Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) license, below, reflects its sole views. The question has also been sent to the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and its response will be forwarded should they choose to opine.

APRN-CNSs provide specialty services across the state in both large and small communities. If the occupation were not regulated, it would further limit access by the public to these types of services.

There is one set of regulations that governs all four APRN groups effectively. Each specific APRN group has a statute unique to the group. The care provided by this occupation is available across the state and is based on standards of education and practice. The ability of the public to access this care and the low number of disciplines are indications of the effectiveness of its regulation.

Sincerely,

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

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD
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