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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

October 15, 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 Peer Support Specialist license is outlined below.

Individuals with chronic behavioral health disorders benefit from those who have shared in those experiences and improve recovery outcomes. Peer support interventions provided by trained professionals has been shown to be particularly effective in reducing rehospitalization rates. A competent and well-trained peer support workforce expands the continuum of services array and the healthcare workforce in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Green".

Tony Green
Interim Director, Division of Behavioral Health