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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

November 13, 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 Temporary Registered Environmental Health Specialist license, below, reflects its sole views. The question has also been sent to the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists and its response will be forwarded should they choose to opine.

This license type allows for practitioners to become credentialed and practice in certain circumstances, specifically military spouses while they complete their application for a regular credential. This is effective because it provides an additional avenue for practitioners to provide care, thus allowing for increased access to competent providers across the state.

The board's ability to update required credentialing and take disciplinary actions against credential holders also ensures that ethical and professional standards of practice are maintained by all Registered Environmental Health Specialist professionals. This allows for Nebraska employers and facilities to identify qualified and competent individuals to conduct these activities, which is further demonstrated by the lack of disciplinary action against credential holders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy A. Tesmer".

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