

Keys Amendment

The role for Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) is to establish, maintain, and ensure enforcement of specific licensing standards for foster homes and facilities (other than nursing facilities) in which individuals who receive SSI reside. The purpose of the Keys Amendment is to assure the federal government that we have established standards for these facilities. Nebraska DHHS is required to submit these assurances to the Social Security Administration annually.

Facilities affected by the Keys Amendment:

- Centers for the developmentally disabled
- Assisted living facilities
- Substance abuse treatment centers
- Mental health centers
- Foster care homes for children
- Group foster homes for children
- Child caring agencies