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Dear Mr. Gelvin:

This serves as our Letter of Intent for submitting an application for Credentialing Review. This Letter of Intent is being submitted from the Nebraska Kidney Coalition on behalf of dialysis patient care technicians and licensed practical nurses who work in the dialysis outpatient clinic setting.

In June, 2015, dialysis providers were notified that the practice committee of the Nebraska Board of Nursing was reviewing the Advisory Opinion regarding delegation, direction, and assignment in the outpatient dialysis unit which had been in place since April, 1991 (see attached). At the October, 2015 Board of Nursing meeting, the Advisory Opinion was officially retired. The Nebraska Kidney Coalition has been advised by both the Board of Nursing and staff advisors at the Department of Health and Human Services that we should engage in the 407 Credentialing Review process.

The purpose of the Credentialing Review, as we understand, will be to examine the training, duties and supervision of patient care technicians and licensed practical nurses in the outpatient dialysis setting and to bring legislation in 2017 to allow Nebraska law to conform to the findings from the Credentialing Review.

We are striving to complete our application for Credential Review during the month of January, 2016.

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Sincerely,

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