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Dear Mr. Gelvin:

This document will serve as a Letter of Intent for submitting an application for Credentialing Review. The Nebraska Board of Nursing is requesting this review on behalf of licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and licensed practical nurses-certified (LPN-Cs).

The purpose of the requested review is to evaluate the proposal to enhance the authorized scope of practice for licensed practical nurses to better serve patients throughout Nebraska. The proposed changes can be summarized as follows:

1. Allow licensed practical nurses to better serve the needs of the public by expanding on current scope of practice to include intravenous activities.
2. Align the scope of practice with the current educational preparation of licensed practical nurses by incorporating the scope of practice of the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified (LPN-C) into the scope of practice for licensed practical nurses.
3. Eliminate the scope of practice for Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified (LPN-C).

These outlined purposes align with the criteria that will be considered in the Evaluation of Proposals for Change in Scope of Practice. These criteria include:

Criterion One: The health, safety, and welfare of the public are inadequately addressed by the present scope of practice or limitations on the scope of practice.

Criterion Two: Enactment of the proposed change in scope of practice would benefit the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

Criterion Three: The proposed change in scope of practice does not create a significant new danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

Criterion Four: The current education and training for the health profession adequately prepares practitioners to perform the new skill or service.

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Criterion Five: There are appropriate post-professional programs and competence assessment measures available to assure that the practitioner is competent to perform the new skill or service in a safe manner.

Criterion Six: There are adequate measures to assess whether practitioners are competently performing the new skill or service and to take appropriate action if they are not performing competently.

The application for Credentialing Review will address the above criterion and we anticipate that a completed application for Credentialing Review could be ready to submit by June 2016.

We are requesting the \$500.00 waiver as the Board of Nursing is considered part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

We look forward to confirmation from the Department as to acceptance of this application for Credentialing Review and await your notification of the next steps in the process.

The contact person relative to this Letter of Intent is:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maxine Guy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maxine Guy  
President  
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