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Hospital and Public Health Preparedness and Response,

ESF-8 (coordination of emergency response with NE

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Stockpile, Lab, Healthcare Coalitions, City Readiness

Initiative, Emergency Response Training, Medical Response

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Foster care, Adult and Child Protective Services,  
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**Community and Rural Health Planning**

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Neb. Council on Developmental Disabilities, Office of  
Emergency Health Systems, Health Disparities and Health  
Equity, Community Health and Performance Management,  
and Rural Health.

**Health Promotion Unit**

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Chronic Disease, Infectious Disease, Tobacco, Injury  
Prevention, Comprehensive Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease &  
Stroke, HIV, Hepatitis, Oral Health, Physical Activity & Nutrition.

**Lifespan Health Services Unit**

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Maternal, Child and Adolescent, Reproductive, Women’s and  
Men’s Health; Immunizations, Newborn Screening, CSFP,  
WIC, MCH Epidemiology and other related programs.

**Health Licensure and Environmental Health Section**

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Asbestos, Drinking Water, Environmental Laboratory,  
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Professions and Occupations

**Licensure Unit**

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Facilities-Acute Care, Behavioral Health, Long-term Care,  
Outpatient and In-Home Services, Children’s Services,  
Community-Based Services for Persons with Developmental  
Disabilities, Professions/Occupations-Behavioral Health,  
Medical and Specialized Health, Rehabilitation and  
Community Services, Nursing and Nursing Support;  
Research and Policy-Board of Health, Credentialing Review.

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**Epidemiology and Informatics Unit**

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Alert Network, GIS, and Public Health Data Center.

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Birth, Death, Marriage, and Dissolution Certificates,  
Adoption Records, Record Amendments, Paternity  
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