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*Nebraska DHHS Division of Public Health
Credentialing Review Program
PO Box 95026
Lincoln, NE 68509*

RE: Certified Nurse Midwife Credentialing Review Proposal

Dear Members of the Credentialing Review Committee,

The Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (NPQIC) is writing in support of the proposed revisions to Nebraska's Certified Nurse-Midwife practice regulations. These revisions are consistent with the language the collaborative supported during the 2025-2026 legislative session and with its ongoing commitment to improving maternal and newborn outcomes through evidence-based, collaborative care.

The Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative is a statewide network that brings together healthcare professionals, hospitals, public health organizations, and community partners to improve maternal and newborn outcomes across Nebraska. Our work focuses on advancing evidence-based care, promoting respectful maternity care, reducing maternal and infant health disparities, and strengthening systems that improve outcomes for Nebraska families.

Certified Nurse-Midwives are essential members of Nebraska's perinatal care workforce. They provide high-quality care for individuals with low-risk pregnancies and work collaboratively with physicians, hospitals, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. Modernizing Nebraska's regulations to better reflect contemporary midwifery practice has the potential to improve access to maternity care, particularly in rural and underserved communities, while maintaining a strong emphasis on patient safety.

The Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative supports policies that promote respectful, patient-centered maternity care and foster collaboration among all members of the healthcare team. We believe the proposed revisions align with these principles and mark an important step toward improving access to high-quality maternity care for Nebraska families.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the proposed regulatory updates.

Sincerely,

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