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Nebraska Credentialing Review Program  
Division of Public Health  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509

**RE: Support for Credentialing Review 407 – Certified Nurse-Midwives**

Dear Members of the Technical Review Committee:

Nebraska Medicine is pleased to submit this letter in support of Credentialing Review 407 and the proposed statutory updates related to Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) in Nebraska. As the state's leading academic health system, we are committed to improving maternal and infant health outcomes, expanding access to high-quality care, and strengthening Nebraska's healthcare workforce. It is important that Nebraska's regulatory framework reflect current education, certification, and practice standards to support patients' access to qualified healthcare professionals.

Certified Nurse-Midwives are highly educated, nationally certified healthcare providers who play an important role in delivering maternal and women's healthcare services. The proposed changes would modernize Nebraska law by allowing CNMs to practice consistent with their education, clinical training, national certification, and competencies, while maintaining professional accountability and patient safety.

These updates will strengthen access to high-quality care and improve the ability of healthcare organizations to deploy qualified providers in a manner that best meets the needs of Nebraska patients and communities. The proposal represents an appropriate modernization of Nebraska's statutes and aligns with current healthcare delivery models and national practice standards.

For these reasons, Nebraska Medicine respectfully encourages the Committee to advance the proposed statutory changes. Thank you for your consideration of this important review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tiffany Joekel'.

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