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Dear DHHS Technical Review Committee,

On behalf of the Nebraska Rural Health Association (NeRHA), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal to expand the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Nebraska to include the use of fluoroscopy. Allowing NPs to perform fluoroscopy after appropriate training and certification is a necessary step to ensure high-quality, accessible care across our state, particularly in rural communities where access to healthcare services remains a significant challenge.

Fluoroscopy is a critical imaging tool used across multiple specialties, including interventional radiology, orthopedic surgery, emergency medicine, and pain management. However, Nebraska's outdated medical radiography statute currently prohibits NPs from using this technology, despite the fact that 22 other states—including our neighbors Iowa, Colorado, and Wyoming—have successfully integrated fluoroscopy into NP practice without adverse outcomes. The existing restriction not only limits the ability of NPs to provide comprehensive, timely care but also exacerbates provider shortages, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Rural Nebraska relies heavily on Nurse Practitioners to fill critical healthcare gaps. Many rural hospitals and clinics are primarily staffed by NPs, making it essential that they have access to the full range of diagnostic and procedural tools necessary for patient care. In many of these settings, X-ray technologists are not available 24/7, and physicians may not be present on-site, leading to delays in care or unnecessary patient transfers. Enabling NPs to perform fluoroscopy, with the appropriate education and oversight, will allow for more efficient patient care, reduce wait times, and minimize disruptions in rural healthcare settings.

Expanding the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners to include fluoroscopy aligns with NeRHA's mission to advocate for policies that improve healthcare access and delivery in rural Nebraska. This change will not only enhance the quality of patient care but also contribute to the sustainability of our rural hospitals and clinics by reducing unnecessary delays and inefficiencies.

We urge you to support this initiative and modernize Nebraska's medical radiography statute to reflect the evolving role of Nurse Practitioners in today's healthcare landscape. This change will ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of where they live, have access to timely and effective medical care.



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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed Hansen", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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