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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

December 15, 2023

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol Room 2028
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program Annual Report

Dear Mr. Metzler:

In fulfillment of Nebraska Revised Statute § 68-158, the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health submits this report showing the number of individuals served and the amount expended for the Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charity Menefee".

Charity Menefee
Director, Division of Public Health

Attachment

Division of Public Health

Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program Annual Report

December 2023

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-158

Annual Report on Nebraska Elemental Formula Reimbursement Program

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023

Background

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 68-158 requires that the Department of Health and Human Services establish a program to:

- Provide amino acid-based elemental formulas for the diagnosis and treatment of Immunoglobulin E and non-Immunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins, food-protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, eosinophilic disorders, and impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract, when the ordering physician has issued a written order
- Provide up to fifty percent of the actual out-of-pocket cost, not to exceed twelve thousand dollars, for amino acid-based elemental formulas to an individual without fees each twelve-month period.
- Distribute funds on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum total of General Fund expenditures per year not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars each fiscal year.
- Provide an electronic report to the Legislature annually on or before December 15.

Activities

From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the program served 42 individuals and expended \$28,330 in formula reimbursement costs. This represents a 40% decrease in individuals served and 51% decrease in expenditures from FY 21-22.

The program also conducted outreach to inform the medical community of the program. This included contacting Children's Hospital and Medical Center, medical offices, and facilities that provide care to many of the patients that require medically necessary amino acid-based elemental formulas.