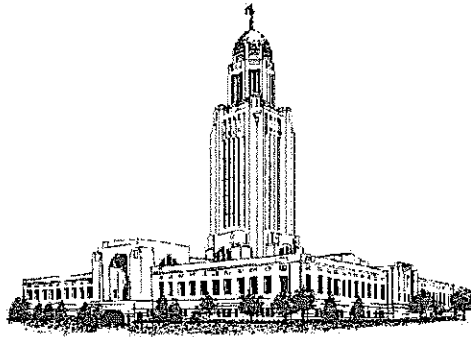


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Public Comments-Proposed Regulatory changes

Title 72, Chapter 5

Of the

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"MEDICATION SUSPENSION"

The Nebraska Ombudsman's Office is submitting this document, for consideration as our official comments relating to the proposed regulatory provisions drafted by the Department of Correctional Services on the subject of "Medicaid Suspension."

In Chapter 5, of Title 72, Department policy, under provision **004 Discharge Notification**, in part, reads, "The Department shall notify HHS of the pending release of any inmate who's medical assistance has been suspended at least 45 days prior to the inmate's scheduled release." While we agree with the idea of HHS and NDCS collaborating to improve consistent care for inmates being released from corrections, we also believe that there needs to be an opportunity to assure that all stakeholders know about the possible discontinuation of the suspension by making the same type of notifications provided for under this section to the Inmate being released as well.

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