



STATE of NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22-05**

**CONTINUED WAIVERS TO FACILITATE HOSPITAL PLANNING AND ENSURE  
ADDITIONAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE CAPACITY**

**WHEREAS**, health care staffing remains an issue not only in Nebraska but all across the country;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the State of Nebraska protect hospital capacity, as reduced hospital capacity presents an imminent threat of injury and loss of life to the state's citizens;

**WHEREAS**, retired and inactive health care professionals or health care professionals from other states may be needed to provide medical services during the public health threat;

**WHEREAS**, continuing education or examination requirements may hinder patient care or service delivery and are a barrier to reinstatement for retired and inactive health care providers and to professionals who are properly licensed in other states;

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of initial licenses to doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals is often delayed by a requirement that test scores be received and license fees be paid prior to receiving full credentials;

**WHEREAS**, health care professionals should not be kept from providing health care services because of delays in the federal background check process and should be allowed to begin work pending Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint criminal history checks so long as applicants have passed Department-conducted checks of state criminal history which would decrease the time required for critical staff to provide patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of protecting the citizens of Nebraska from the public health threat of a hospital capacity and workforce emergency, the Governor is authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain public health, including suspension of any state statutes where strict compliance with the statute and state regulations will hinder necessary action in coping with this public health threat.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, do hereby waive the following statutes and regulations to ensure that Nebraskans retain access to needed health care professionals.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order and direct the following:

1. Executive Order No. 22-02, which is currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 2022, shall remain in effect through December 31, 2022; and
2. The identical statutory waivers and conditions contained within Executive Order Nos. 21-12 and 21-15 that were extended by Executive Order No. 22-02 shall remain in effect through December 31, 2022.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 19th day of September, 2022.



Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Pete Ricketts", written over a horizontal line.

Pete Ricketts, Governor  
State of Nebraska

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert B. Evnen", written over a horizontal line.

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska