# AUDIT REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM 341 - ADMINISTRATION

**JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001** 

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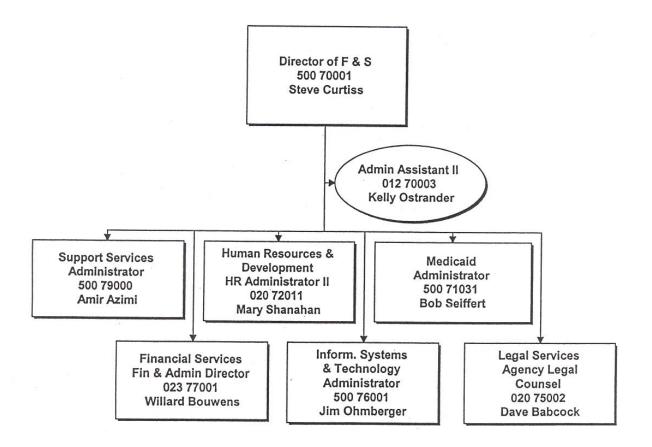
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#### **BACKGROUND**

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support is responsible for providing administrative, financial, and technical support to the Health and Human Services System. Program 341 (Program) provides supportive services and administration functions, including policy planning, human resources, financial management, information management, data collection, legal services, training, public information, client and provider payment processing, records management, and Medicaid. More specifically, this Program integrates and manages information systems across programs and functions; provides planning, research, and data analysis; consolidates program funds; analyzes financial status and impacts; develops and manages a consistent accounting, contracting, disbursement, and fiscal compliance system; and consolidates operational support services such as budget, informational management, purchasing and procurement, personnel, audit, and contract management.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



#### **COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION**

During our audit of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and other operational matters that is presented here. The comment and recommendation is intended to improve the internal control over financial reporting, ensure compliance, or result in operational efficiencies.

#### **Fund Balances**

Sound governmental accounting practices and internal controls require agencies to properly match receipts and disbursements by funds and programs. In 1997, the Department of Health, Agency 25, the Department of Social Services, Agency 26, and three other agencies were merged into the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Program 177 became the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure (Agency 20) Administration, Program 33 became the Department of Health and Human Services (Agency 25) Administration, and Program 341 became the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support (Agency 26) Administration.

After the merger, certain functional activities were switched between Agencies 20, 25, and 26 and Programs 177, 33, and 341. During our review of the fund balances related to Agency 26 and Program 341, we noted 7 of 17 Special Revenue funds had negative balances. In addition, five Program 341 funds were over-stated because of negative fund balances in other agencies. These negative balances were the result of the agencies not properly matching the related receipts and prior fund balances to disbursement activity recorded in Program 341. The following is a summary of the negative fund balances that affected Program 341.

			Balance Per	Transfers	Adjusted
Fund	Agency	Program	Agency Records	In (Out)	Balance
2208	26	341	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 1,400
	25	33	(300)	300	-
	20	177	625	(300)	325
	То	tal Petty Cash	1,725	-	1,725
2260	26	341	(703,992)	703,992	-
	25	33	1,129,874	(703,992)	425,882
	26	347	835		835
		Total Cash	426,717	-	426,717
2262	26	341	(53,033)	53,033	-
	26	342	35,524,972	(53,033)	35,471,939
		Total Cash	35,471,939	-	35,471,939

### COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

### **Fund Balances** (Continued)

F 1	<b>A</b>	D	Balance Per	Transfers	Adjusted
Fund 2263	Agency	Program 341	Agency Records	In (Out)	Balance
2203	26 25	33	(285,709) 147,511	285,709	-
	23		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(147,511)	162 526
	20	177	300,734	(138,198)	162,536
		Total Cash	162,536	-	162,536
2264	26	341	(57)	57	-
	26	343	7,896,243	(57)	7,896,186
		Total Cash	7,896,186	-	7,896,186
4202	26	341	2,330,943	(914,310)	1,416,633
	20	177	(898,678)	898,678	-
	26	514	(15,632)	15,632	-
	25	33	783,906	-	783,906
		Total Cash	2,200,539	-	2,200,539
4260	26	341	162,669	(190)	162,479
	25	33	(190)	190	-
	26	347	352,372	-	352,372
	26	348	1,123,144	-	1,123,144
		Total Cash	1,637,995	-	1,637,995
4261	26	341	(772,155)	772,155	_
	25	33	1,186,994	(772,155)	414,839
		Total Cash	414,839	-	414,839
4264	26	341	408,951	(408,951)	_
	25	33	(206,687)	408,951	202,264
	25	35	24,450	-	24,450
		Total Cash	226,714	-	226,714
4268	26	341	(10,009,384)	10,009,384	_
1200	26	399	(1,334,929)	1,334,929	_
	25	33	15,544,424	(11,344,313)	4,200,111
	-	Total Cash	4,200,111	-	4,200,111

#### COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

### Fund Balances (Concluded)

			Balance Per	Transfers	Adjusted
Fund	Agency	Program	Agency Records	In (Out)	Balance
4812	26	341	(2,903,988)	2,903,988	-
	25	33	3,699,091	(2,903,988)	795,103
	25	361	1,279,078	-	1,279,078
	25	362	589,360	-	589,360
	25	363	850,715	-	850,715
	25	365	40,801	-	40,801
	26	366	2,590,712	-	2,590,712
	25	379	(1,158,637)	-	(1,158,637)
	25	421	8,242,925	-	8,242,925
	26	424	(756,254)	-	(756,254)
		Total Cash	12,473,803	-	12,473,803
7261	26	341	525,032	(525,032)	-
	25	33	(225,983)	525,032	299,049
		Total Cash	299,049		299,049

As a result, the Nebraska Accounting System's (NAS) records and the agencies' records did not accurately reflect the agencies' fund balances by agency or program.

We recommend the agencies review all fund balances by agency and program and make the necessary correcting adjustments to NAS so the balances are recorded in the agency and program where the activity is being performed.

In addition, we recommend the agencies record current activity only in the agency and program where the activity is being performed.

HHSS's Response: The Health and Human Services System does agree with the principal of maintaining program balances in Funds, however, the current accounting system does not maintain that information. This function must be done in other systems.

It should be noted the Department did not overspend any fund and routinely makes correcting adjustments at year end. For the major funds this issue will be resolved with the implementation of the Nebraska Information System (NIS) in Fiscal Year 2003.

It should be noted this report is critical in nature since it contains only our comments and recommendations on the areas noted for improvement.

#### COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

(Concluded)

Draft copies of this report were furnished to the Program to provide them an opportunity to review the report and to respond to the comment and recommendation included in this report. The formal response received has been incorporated into this report. Where no response has been included, the Program declined to respond. The response has been objectively evaluated and recognized, as appropriate, in the report. A response that indicates corrective action has been taken was not verified at this time but will be verified in the next audit.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended to our auditors during the course of the audit.

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### NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE AND SUPPORT - PROGRAM 341 - ADMINISTRATION INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Robert Hotz, JD Legal Counsel robhotz@mail.state.ne.us We have audited the financial statements of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Also as discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration, and are not intended to present fairly the fund balances and the receipts and disbursements of the State of Nebraska in conformity with the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration as of June 30, 2001, and the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2002, on our consideration of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying combining statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

March 1, 2002

Manager

Twisty J. Channer CPA

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE AND SUPPORT - PROGRAM 341 - ADMINISTRATION COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES

## ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS ALL FUND TYPES June 30, 2001

	(	General	Special Revenue		Totals emorandum Only)
Assets					
Cash in State Treasury	\$	-	\$ 6,755,241	\$	6,755,241
Deposit with Vendors		17,280	-		17,280
Petty Cash		2,100	 1,400		3,500
Total Assets	\$	19,380	\$ 6,756,641	\$	6,776,021
Fund Balances					
Fund Balances:					
Reserved For Postage	\$	17,280	\$ _	\$	17,280
Unreserved, Undesignated		2,100	 6,756,641		6,758,741
Total Fund Balances	\$	19,380	\$ 6,756,641	\$	6,776,021

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Governmenta		
	General	Special Revenue	<b>Totals</b> (Memorandum Only)
RECEIPTS:			
Appropriations	\$ 32,286,060	\$ -	\$ 32,286,060
Intergovernmental:			
Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement	-	55,820,076	55,820,076
Sales and Charges:			
Reproduction & Publications	103,315	996,651	1,099,966
Other	2,491	120,753	123,244
Miscellaneous:			
Investment Interest	-	308,536	308,536
Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement	<del>-</del>	1,928,192	1,928,192
Other	12,381	21,653	34,034
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32,404,247	59,195,861	91,600,108
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Personal Services	12,907,958	14,209,170	27,117,128
Operating	18,288,392	49,729,798	68,018,190
Travel	162,563	117,006	279,569
Capital Outlay	927,147	255,474	1,182,621
Government Aid	-	171,672	171,672
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	32,286,060	64,483,120	96,769,180
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	118,187	(5,287,259)	(5,169,072)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sales of Assets	7,996	_	7,996
Operating Transfers In (Note 9)	-	14,728,318	14,728,318
Operating Transfers Out (Note 9)	_	(1,848,483)	(1,848,483)
Deposits to State General Fund	(126,183)	(-,- :-, :) -	(126,183)
Distributive Activity:	(,)		(,)
Outs (Note 10)	_	(890,753)	(890,753)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(118,187)	11,989,082	11,870,895
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Excess of Receipts and Other Financing			
Sources (Under) Disbursements and		6 701 000	6.701.022
Other Financing Uses	-	6,701,823	6,701,823
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000 (Note 10)	19,380	54,818	74,198
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2001 (Note 9)	\$ 19,380	\$ 6,756,641	\$ 6,776,021

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

#### BUDGET AND ACTUAL

#### GENERAL, CASH AND FEDERAL FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	GENERAL FUND					CASH FUND				
	BUDGET	(E	ACTUAL BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)		BUDGET	ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)		
RECEIPTS: Appropriations		\$	32,286,060				\$ -			
Intergovernmental: Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement			_				_			
Sales and Charges:			102.215				006.651			
Reproduction & Publications Other Miscellaneous:			103,315 2,491				996,651 120,753			
Investment Interest Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement			-				173,604			
Other			12,381	_			1,928,192 21,244	_		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			32,404,247	-			3,240,444	-		
DISBURSEMENTS: Personal Services			12,907,958				597,973			
Operating Travel			18,288,392 162,563				1,875,786 2,871			
Capital Outlay			927,147				10,965			
Government Aid Total Budgeted (Over) Budgeted (Note 8)	\$ 32,286,65	23	32,286,060	\$ 563	\$	4,213,613	2,487,595	\$ 1,726,018		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	32,286,6	23	32,286,060	563		4,213,613	2,487,595	1,726,018		
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements			118,187	-			752,849	_		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			7.00(							
Sale of Assets Deposit to State General Fund			7,996 (126,183)				-			
Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out			-				1,042,791			
Distributive Activity: Outs										
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			(118,187)	<u>.</u>			1,042,791	<u>.</u>		
Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses			_				1,795,640			
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2000			19,380				943,837			
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2001		\$	19,380	•			\$ 2,739,477	•		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

#### BUDGET AND ACTUAL

### GENERAL, CASH AND FEDERAL FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		For the	Fisca	ii Year Ended J	une	30, 2001					
	FEDERAL FUND				TOTAL	(ME	TOTALS EMORANDUM ONLY)				
		BUDGET	(B	ACTUAL UDGETARY BASIS)	(1	VARIANCE FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET	(В	ACTUÁL UDGETARY BASIS)	F.A	ARIANCE VORABLE FAVORABLE)
RECEIPTS: Appropriations Intergovernmental: Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement			\$	55,820,076				\$	32,286,060 55,820,076		
Sales and Charges: Reproduction & Publications Other									1,099,966 123,244		
Miscellaneous: Investment Interest Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement Other TOTAL RECEIPTS				134,932 - 409	_				308,536 1,928,192 34,034		
DISBURSEMENTS:				55,955,417	-				91,600,108		
Personal Services Operating Travel Capital Outlay Government Aid				13,611,197 47,854,012 114,135 244,509 171,672			\$ 27,894,113 79,509,723 24,902 78,316 3,273		27,117,128 68,018,190 279,569 1,182,621 171,672	\$	776,985 11,491,533 (254,667) (1,104,305) (168,399)
Total Budgeted (Over) Budgeted (Note 8 ) TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	71,010,091 (325,000) 70,685,091	)	61,995,525 - 61,995,525	\$	9,014,566 (325,000) 8,689,566	107,510,327 (325,000) 107,185,327		96,769,180 - 96,769,180		10,741,147 (325,000) 10,416,147
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		70,000,071		(6,040,108)	)	0,007,200	 107,100,527		(5,169,072)		10,110,117
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Sale of Assets Deposit to State General Fund Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out Distributive Activity:				13,685,527 (1,323,451)	)				7,996 (126,183) 14,728,318 (1,323,451)		
Outs TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				(890,753) 11,471,323					(890,753) 12,395,927		
Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses				5,431,215					7,226,855		
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2000				(3,852,103)	)				(2,888,886)		
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2001			\$	1,579,112				\$	4,337,969		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

#### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

The accounting policies of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration are on the basis of accounting as described in the Nebraska Accounting System Manual.

A. Reporting Entity. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration (Program) is a Program within the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System consists of three State agencies established under and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska. As such, the Program is exempt from State and Federal income taxes. The financial statements include all funds of the Program.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration is part of the primary government for the State of Nebraska's reporting entity.

Basis of Accounting. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The accounting records of the Program are maintained and the Program's financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As such, the measurement focus includes only those assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions on the Combined Statement of Assets and Fund Balances for all funds of the Program. This differs from governmental generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which require all governmental funds to be accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Under the cash receipts and disbursement basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when paid. This presentation differs from governmental generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which require the use of the modified accrual basis for governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are considered susceptible to accrual and expenditures are recognized when the liability is incurred.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting. The accounts and records of the Program are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a self-balancing set of accounts which records receipts, disbursements, and the fund balance. The fund types presented on the financial statements are those required by GAAP, and include:

**General Fund.** Reflects transactions related to resources received and used for those general operating services traditionally provided by state government and which are not accounted for in any other fund.

**Special Revenue Funds.** Reflect transactions related to resources received and used for restricted or specific purposes.

This fund type classification differs from the budgetary fund types used by the Nebraska Accounting System.

The fund types established by the Nebraska Accounting System that are used by the Program are:

- **1000 General Fund -** accounts for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.
- **2000 Cash Funds** account for receipts generated by specific activities from sources outside of State government and the disbursements directly related to the generation of the receipts.
- **4000 Federal Funds -** account for all federal grants and contracts received by the State.
- **7000 Distributive Funds** account for assets held by the State as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. No appropriation control is established for this fund type.
- **D. Budgetary Process.** The State's biennial budget cycle ends on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. By September 15, prior to a biennium, the Nebraska Department Health and Human Services Finance and Support and all other State agencies must submit their budget request for the biennium beginning the following July 1. There are no annual budgets prepared for Distributive funds. The requests are submitted on forms that show estimated funding requirements by programs, sub-programs, and activities. The Executive Branch reviews the

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

requests, establishes priorities, and balances the budget within the estimated resources available during the upcoming biennium.

The Governor's budget bill is submitted to the Legislature in January. The Legislature considers revisions to the bill and submits the revised appropriation bill to the Governor for signature. The Governor may: a) approve the appropriations bill in its entirety, b) veto the bill, or c) line item veto certain sections of the bill. Any vetoed bill or line item can be overridden by a three-fifths vote of the Legislature.

The appropriations that are approved will generally set spending limits for a particular program within the agency. Within the agency or program, the Legislature may provide funding from one to five budgetary fund types. Thus, the control is by fund type, within a program, within an agency. The central accounting system maintains this control. A separate publication entitled "Annual Budgetary Report" shows the detail of this level of control. This publication is available from the Department of Administrative Services, Accounting Division.

Appropriations are usually made for each year of the biennium with unexpended balances being reappropriated at the end of the first year of the biennium. For most appropriations, balances lapse at the end of the biennium.

All State budgetary disbursements for the general, cash, and federal fund types are made pursuant to the appropriations, which may be amended by the Legislature, upon approval by the Governor. State agencies may reallocate the appropriations between major object of expenditure accounts, except that the Legislature's approval is required to exceed the personal service limitations contained in the appropriations bill. Appropriations for programs funded in whole or in part from federal funds may be increased to the extent that receipts of federal funds exceed the original budget estimate.

The Program utilizes encumbrance accounting to account for purchase orders, contracts, and other disbursement commitments. However, State law does not require that all encumbrances be recorded in the State's centralized accounting system and as a result, the encumbrances that were recorded in the accounting system have not been included in the accompanying financial statements, except for the impact as described below.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

Under State budgetary procedures, appropriation balances related to outstanding encumbrances at the end of the biennium are lapsed and reappropriated in the first year of the next biennium. The effect of the Program's current procedure is to include in the budget columns, Total Disbursement line, of the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual the current year's appropriations plus the amounts reappropriated for encumbrances outstanding at the end of the prior biennium. This procedure indicates the Program's intention to honor the encumbrances at the end of a biennium. The disbursements columns of the Statement include cash payments related to the appropriated and reappropriated amounts. For the year ended June 30, 2001, there were no budgetary funds in which disbursements exceeded appropriations.

Budgets for object of expenditure accounts are included in the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services Budget Status Report. They are budgeted at the program level and not within separate budgetary fund types for the Program. As a result, for financial reporting purposes, budget amounts for object of expenditure accounts are shown only for total budgeted funds.

Receipts are not budgeted. Therefore, there are no budgeted amounts shown on the Budget and Actual Statement.

There are no annual budgets prepared for Distributive Funds, and, as a result, no budgetary comparisons are presented.

A reconciliation of the budgetary fund classifications versus GAAP fund classifications as of June 30, 2001 follows:

	BUDGETARY		FINANCIAL STATEMENT FUN BALANCES					
	В	FUND ALANCES		PRIMARY (	GOVERNMENT			
		Total		General		Special Revenue		
PERSPECTIVE DIFFERENCES: Classifications of budgetary fund balances into Financial Statement fund structure: General Cash Federal	\$	19,380 2,739,477 1,579,112	\$	19,380 - -	\$	- 2,739,477 1,579,112		
Budgetary fund balances classified into Financial Statement fund structure	\$	4,337,969		-		-		
Entity Difference: Record funds not budgeted				-		2,438,052		
Financial Statement Fund Balances, June 30, 2001			\$	19,380	\$	6,756,641		

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

- **E. Fixed Assets.** General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisitions are reflected as disbursements in governmental funds. Under GAAP, the cost of general fixed assets would be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group. The Program does not have fixed asset records to support amounts at the program level.
- F. Cash in State Treasury. Cash in the State Treasury represents the cash balance of a fund as reflected on the Nebraska Accounting System. Investment of all available cash is made by the State Investment Officer, on a daily basis, based on total bank balances. Investment income is distributed based on the average daily book cash balance of funds designated for investment. Determination of whether a fund is considered designated for investment is done on an individual fund basis. All of the funds of the Program were designated for investment during fiscal year 2001.
- **G. Distributive Activity.** Distributive Activity transactions are those recorded directly to a fund's liability accounts rather than through a receipt or disbursement account. These transactions represent funds received by the Program which are owed to some individual, organization, or other government agency, or are deposits which will be returned on completion of some specified requirement.
- H. Compensated Absences. All permanent employees working for the Program earn sick and annual leave and are allowed to accumulate compensatory leave rather than being paid overtime. Temporary and intermittent employees and Board and Commission members are not eligible for paid leave. Under GAAP, the vested portion of the employee's compensated absences is recorded in the Long Term Debt Account Group for governmental funds. Under the receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, the balances which would otherwise be reported in the Long Term Debt Account Group are not reported since they do not represent balances arising from Cash Transactions.
- **I. Receipts.** The major account titles and descriptions as established by the Nebraska Accounting System that are used by the Program are:

**Appropriations.** Appropriations are granted by the Legislature to make disbursements and to incur obligations. The amount of appropriations reported as receipts is the amount spent.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

**Intergovernmental.** Receipts from other governments in the form of grants, entitlements, shared revenues, payments in lieu of taxes, or reimbursements. Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement are receipts from the Federal government in fulfillment of an agreement to provide assistance for a specific program.

**Sales and Charges.** Income derived from sales of merchandise and commodities, compensation for services rendered, and charges for various licenses, permits, and fees. Reproductions and Publications are collections made by the Vital Statistics division for copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.

**Miscellaneous.** Receipts from sources not covered by other major categories. Investment Interest is earned on investments made by the State Investment Officer. Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement are reimbursements from other Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support programs.

**J. Disbursements.** The major account titles and descriptions as established by the Nebraska Accounting System that are used by the Program are:

**Personal Services.** Salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed by a government.

**Operating.** Disbursements directly related to a program's primary service activities.

**Travel.** All travel disbursements for any state officer, employee, or member of any commission, council, committee, or board of the State.

**Capital Outlay.** Disbursements which result in the acquisition of or an addition to fixed assets. Fixed assets are resources of a long-term character, owned or held by the government.

**Government Aid.** Payment of Federal and/or State money to governmental subdivisions, State agencies, local health and welfare offices, individuals, etc., in furtherance of local activities and accomplishment of State programs.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Concluded)

**K. Fund Balance Reservations.** Reservations of fund balances are established to identify the existence of assets that have been legally segregated for specific purposes. Reservations of fund balances are also established for assets which are not current in nature, such as postage.

### 2. Totals

The Totals "Memorandum Only" column represents an aggregation of individual account balances. The column is presented for overview informational purposes and does not present consolidated financial information since interfund balances and transactions have not been eliminated.

#### 3. Contingencies and Commitments

Risk Management. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support, as part of the primary government for the State, participates in the State's risk management program. The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Division of Risk Management is responsible for maintaining the insurance and self-insurance, programs for the State. The State generally self-insures for general liability and workers compensation. The State has chosen to purchase insurance for:

- A. Motor vehicle liability, which is insured for the first \$5 million of exposure per accident. Insurance is also purchased for medical payments, physical damage, and uninsured and underinsured motorists with various limits and deductibles. State Agencies have the option to purchase coverage for physical damage to vehicles.
- B. The DAS-Personnel Division maintains health care and life insurance for eligible employees.
- C. Crime coverage, with a limit of \$1 million for each loss, and a \$10,000 retention per incident.
- D. Real and personal property on a blanket basis for losses up to \$250,000,000, with a self-insured retention of \$200,000 per loss occurrence. Newly-acquired properties are covered up to \$1,000,000 for 60 days or until the value of the property is reported to the insurance company. The perils of flood and earthquake are covered up to \$10,000,000.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 3. <u>Contingencies and Commitments</u> (Concluded)

E. State Agencies have the option to purchase building contents and inland marine coverage.

No settlements exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. Health care insurance is funded in the Compensation Insurance Trust Fund through a combination of employee and State contributions. Workers' compensation is funded in the Workers' Compensation Internal Service Fund through assessments on each agency based on total agency payroll and past experience. Tort claims, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, and natural disasters would be funded through the State General Fund or by individual agency assessments as directed by the Legislature, unless covered by purchased insurance. No amounts for estimated claims have been reported in the Program's financial statements.

**Litigation.** The potential amount of liability involved in litigation pending against the Program, if any, could not be determined at this time. However, it is the Program's opinion that final settlement of those matters should not have an adverse effect on the Program's ability to administer current programs. Any judgment against the Program would have to be processed through the State Claims Board and be approved by the Legislature.

#### 4. State Employees Retirement Plan (Plan)

The Plan is a single-employer defined contribution plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with the provisions of the State Employees Retirement Act and may be amended by legislative action. In the defined contribution plan, retirement benefits depend on total contributions, investment earnings, and the investment options selected. Membership in the Plan is mandatory for all permanent full-time employees on reaching the age of thirty and completion of twenty-four months of continuous service. Full time employee is defined as an employee who is employed to work one-half or more of the regularly scheduled hours during each pay period. Voluntary membership is permitted for all permanent full-time or permanent part-time employees upon reaching age twenty and completion of twelve months of permanent service within a five-year period. Any individual appointed by the Governor may elect to not become a member of the Plan.

Employees contribute 4.33% of their monthly compensation until such time as they have paid during any calendar year a total of eight hundred sixty four dollars, after which time they shall pay a sum equal to 4.8% of their monthly compensation for the remainder of

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 4. State Employees Retirement Plan (Plan) (Concluded)

such calendar year. The Program matches the employee's contribution at a rate of 156% of the employee's contribution.

The employee's account is fully vested. The employer's account is vested 100% after five years participation in the plan or at retirement.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, employees contributed \$877,117 and the Program contributed \$1,368,302.

#### 5. <u>Net Distributive Activity</u>

The Program's net distributive activity for the audit period consists of Child Support Enforcement operations payments to counties.

#### 6. Full Accountability of the General Fund

Only the cash transactions are reported on the financial statements for this fund. They do not show appropriations. To show the full accountability over this fund the following schedule reflects appropriations. Appropriations do not represent cash transactions.

General Fund	
Beginning (Reappropriated) Balance July 1, 2000	\$ 267,728
New Appropriations	32,018,895
Total Appropriations	 32,286,623
Disbursements	(32,286,060)
Ending (Appropriations) Balance June 30, 2001	\$ 563

#### 7. **GASB 34**

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. The State of Nebraska is planning to implement the Statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. The new accounting and reporting standards will impact the State's revenue and expenditure recognition, and assets, liabilities, and fund equity reporting. The financial statements will be reformatted to reflect the new standards.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 8. Over Budgeted

Budgeted expenditures are amounts reflected on the Program's Budget Status Report for fiscal year 2001. The amount over budgeted was due to the Program estimating available Federal funding.

### 9. Operating Transfers In and Operating Transfers Out

Operating Transfers In and Out were adjusted by the Program's management to properly reflect fund balances. The adjustments were made to match receipts and prior fund balances to disbursement activity. The following is a summary of adjustments made.

D 1		D	Balance Per	Transfers	Adjusted
Fund	Agency		Agency Records	In (Out)	Balance
2208	26	341	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 1,400
	25	33	(300)	300	-
	20	177	625	(300)	325
	Total	Petty Cash	1,725	-	1,725
2260	26	341	(703,992)	703,992	-
	25	33	1,129,874	(703,992)	425,882
	26	347	835		835
		Total Cash	426,717	-	426,717
2262	26	341	(53,033)	53,033	-
	26	342	35,524,972	(53,033)	35,471,939
		Total Cash	35,471,939	-	35,471,939
2263	26	341	(285,709)	285,709	-
	25	33	147,511	(147,511)	-
	20	177	300,734	(138,198)	162,536
		Total Cash	162,536	-	162,536
2264	26	341	(57)	57	-
	26	343	7,896,243	(57)	7,896,186
		Total Cash	7,896,186	-	7,896,186
4202	26	341	2,330,943	(914,310)	1,416,633
	20	177	(898,678)	898,678	-
	26	514	(15,632)	15,632	-
	25	33	783,906		783,906
		Total Cash	2,200,539	-	2,200,539

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

### 9. Operating Transfers In and Operating Transfers Out (Concluded)

			Balance Per	Transfers	Adjusted
Fund	Agency	Program	Agency Records	In (Out)	Balance
4260	26	341	162,669	(190)	162,479
	25	33	(190)	190	-
	26	347	352,372	-	352,372
	26	348	1,123,144	-	1,123,144
		Total Cash	1,637,995	-	1,637,995
4261	26	341	(772,155)	772,155	-
	25	33	1,186,994	(772,155)	414,839
		Total Cash	414,839	-	414,839
4264	26	341	408,951	(408,951)	-
	25	33	(206,687)	408,951	202,264
	25	35	24,450		24,450
		Total Cash	226,714	-	226,714
4268	26	341	(10,009,384)	10,009,384	-
	26	399	(1,334,929)	1,334,929	-
	25	33	15,544,424	(11,344,313)	4,200,111
		Total Cash	4,200,111	-	4,200,111
4812	26	341	(2,903,988)	2,903,988	-
	25	33	3,699,091	(2,903,988)	795,103
	25	361	1,279,078	-	1,279,078
	25	362	589,360	-	589,360
	25	363	850,715	-	850,715
	25	365	40,801	-	40,801
	26	366	2,590,712	-	2,590,712
	25	379	(1,158,637)	-	(1,158,637)
	25	421	8,242,925	-	8,242,925
	26	424	(756,254)	<u>-</u>	(756,254)
		Total Cash	12,473,803	-	12,473,803
7261	26	341	525,032	(525,032)	-
	25	33	(225,983)	525,032	299,049
		Total Cash	299,049	-	299,049

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 10. Distributive Activity and Fund Balance July 1, 2000

Special Revenue Distributive Activity In was decreased and Fund Balance, July 1, 2000, was increased by \$719,627 to properly reflect child support incentive transactions posted in the current fiscal period that were related to a prior fiscal year. In addition, Special Revenue Distributive Activity Out was decreased and Fund Balance, July 1, 2000, was decreased by \$6,246,383 to also properly reflect child support incentive transactions posted in the current fiscal period that were related to a prior fiscal year.

### COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

### ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2001

	]	IHS Reg & Licensure Fund 2208	NCCY Emergency Fund 2261		Bureau of Exam Bds Fund 2800		Federal Cash Fund 4202		Federal Clearing Fund 4260		Child Support Operations Fund 7263		Totals Special Revenue Funds	
Assets Cash in State Treasury	\$	2,066,760	\$	162	\$	671,155	\$	1,416,633	\$	162,479	\$	2,438,052	\$	6,755,241
Petty Cash		1,400				-		-						1,400
Total Assets	\$	2,068,160	\$	162	\$	671,155	\$	1,416,633	\$	162,479	\$	2,438,052	\$	6,756,641
Fund Balances														
Fund Balances:														
Unreserved, Undesignated	\$	2,068,160	\$	162	\$	671,155	\$	1,416,633	\$	162,479	\$	2,438,052	\$	6,756,641

### COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

RECEIPTS:		I	HS Reg. & Licensure Fund 2208	HHS Fin & Support Fund 2260		NCCY Emergency Fund 2261		Nursing Facility Conversion Fund 2262		Childhood Care Fund 2263		Nebraska Health Care Fund 2264	
Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement	RECEIPTS:		<u>unu 2200</u>				4114 2201	1 0111				1 (111)	. 220 .
Sales and Charges:   Reproduction & Publications   996,651													
Reproduction & Publications   996,651   -   -   -   -   -   -   -   -   -		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other Miscellaneous:         21,778         98,975         - <th< td=""><td></td><td></td><td>006.651</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></th<>			006.651										
Miscellaneous:					00.075		-		-		-		-
Investment Interest   173,442   -   162   -   -   -   -			21,778		98,973		-		-		-		-
Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement Other			173 442		_		162		_		_		_
Other TOTAL RECEIPTS         351         20,893         -<					_		102		_		_		_
TOTAL RECEIPTS   1,681,461   119,868   162   -   -   -   -   -					20,893		_		_		_		_
Personal Services							162		_		-		-
Personal Services	DISBURSEMENTS:												
Operating Travel         634,074         4         -         40,813         -         57           Travel         2,150         29         -         692         -			597.973		_		_		_		_		_
Travel Capital Outlay         2,150         29         -         692         -					4		_		40,813		_		57
Covernment Aid					29		_		692		-		-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			10,965		-		-		-		-		-
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements			_										
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out Outs  TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)  Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses  436,299  823,827  162  11,528  285,709  - FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000  1,631,861  (823,827)  - (11,528)  (285,709)  -	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,245,162		33				41,505				57
Operating Transfers In       -       703,992       -       53,033       285,709       57         Operating Transfers Out       -       <	Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		436,299		119,835		162		(41,505)				(57)
Operating Transfers Out       - <td>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</td> <td></td>	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):												
Distributive Activity: Outs  TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)  Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses  436,299  823,827  FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000  1,631,861  (823,827)  - (11,528)  (285,709)  -			-		703,992		-		53,033		285,709		57
Outs       -	Operating Transfers Out		-		-		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)  - 703,992  - 53,033  285,709  57  Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses  436,299  823,827  162  11,528  285,709  - FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000  1,631,861  (823,827)  - (11,528)  (285,709)  -			_		_		_		_		_		_
Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses       436,299       823,827       162       11,528       285,709       -         FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000       1,631,861       (823,827)       -       (11,528)       (285,709)       -					703,992				53,033		285,709		57
Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses       436,299       823,827       162       11,528       285,709       -         FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000       1,631,861       (823,827)       -       (11,528)       (285,709)       -													
Other Financing Uses       436,299       823,827       162       11,528       285,709       -         FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000       1,631,861       (823,827)       -       (11,528)       (285,709)       -													
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000 1,631,861 (823,827) - (11,528) (285,709) -			436,299		823.827		162		11.528		285,709		_
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FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2001       \$ 2,068,160       \$ -       \$ 162       \$ -       \$ -       \$ -	FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000		1,631,861		(823,827)				(11,528)		(285,709)		
	FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2001	\$	2,068,160	\$	-	\$	162	\$		\$		\$	

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### COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Children's Health Insurance Fund 2266		Bureau of Exam Bds Fund 2800	Federal Letter of Credit Fund 4000	Federal Cash Fund 4202		Federal Clearing Fund 4260		USDA Food Stamps Fund 4261	
RECEIPTS: Intergovernmental: Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement Sales and Charges:	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 54,784,857	\$ 1,035,219	\$	-	\$	-	
Reproduction & Publications Other Miscellaneous:	-		-	-	- -		-		-	
Investment Interest Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement Other	1,200,838		238,115	409	- - -		128,147 - -		- - -	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,200,838		238,115	54,785,266	1,035,219		128,147		-	
DISBURSEMENTS: Personal Services Operating Travel Capital Outlay Government Aid	1,200,838		- - - -	13,610,936 40,644,014 114,135 244,509 171,672	545,096		- - - -		- - - -	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,200,838		-	54,785,266	545,096					
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements			238,115		490,123		128,147			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out Distributive Activity: Outs	-		-	-	(914,310	)	(190)		772,155	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		_	<del>-</del>		(914,310	)	(190)		772,155	
Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	-		238,115	-	(424,187	)	127,957		772,155	
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000			433,040		1,840,820	_	34,522		(772,155)	
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2001	\$ -	\$	671,155	\$ -	\$ 1,416,633	\$	162,479	\$	_	

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### COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Federal Project Grant Fund 4264	Child Support Coll. Incentive Fund 4268	Title XIX Medicaid Fund 4812	Food Distribution Fund 7261	Child Support Operations Fund 7263	Total Special Revenue Funds	
RECEIPTS: Intergovernmental:							
Federal Indirect Cost Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,820,076	
Sales and Charges: Reproduction & Publications Other	-	-	-	-	- -	996,651 120,753	
Miscellaneous: Investment Interest	6,785	-	-	-	-	308,536	
Non-Federal Indirect Reimbursement Other	-	-	-	-		1,928,192 21,653	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,785					59,195,861	
DISBURSEMENTS: Personal Services	_	_	261	_	_	14,209,170	
Operating	-	3,762,056	2,902,846	-	-	49,729,798	
Travel Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	117,006 255,474	
Government Aid						171,672	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		3,762,056	2,903,107			64,483,120	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	6,785	(3,762,056)	(2,903,107)			(5,287,259)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out Distributive Activity:	(408,951)	10,009,384	2,903,988	(525,032)	- -	14,728,318 (1,848,483)	
Outs	-	(890,753)	-	-	-	(890,753)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(408,951)	9,118,631	2,903,988	(525,032)		11,989,082	
Excess of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	(402,166)	5,356,575	881	(525,032)	-	6,701,823	
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2000	402,166	(5,356,575)	(881)	525,032	2,438,052	54,818	
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,438,052	\$ 6,756,641	

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE AND SUPPORT - PROGRAM 341 - ADMINISTRATION REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited the financial statements of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2002. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and was modified to emphasize that the financial statements present only the funds of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support - Program 341 - Administration in the Comments Section of this report as Fund Balances.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Program, the appropriate Federal and regulatory agencies and citizens of the State of Nebraska, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 1, 2002

Manager

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