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Attn: Jeffrey M. Zirger

RE: Assessment and Monitoring of Breastfeeding-Related Maternity Care Practices in Intrapartum Care Facilities (mPINC) Survey – Public Comment

Dear Mr. Zirger,

On behalf of the Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition (NE BFC), I am writing in strong support of the continued renewal of the Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey. The NE BFC is a statewide network of healthcare providers, lactation professionals, public health partners, and community advocates working to improve breastfeeding outcomes for Nebraska families.

The mPINC survey is a vital tool for understanding how hospital maternity care practices impact breastfeeding success. In Nebraska, this data helps guide education, strengthen partnerships between hospitals and community programs, and identify opportunities to improve lactation support for families. It allows for benchmarking at the hospital, state, and national levels and plays an important role in advancing quality improvement efforts that support maternal and infant health.

As expectations grow for hospitals to report breastfeeding outcomes as a measure of quality, mPINC provides essential context that helps facilities evaluate practices, implement evidence-based improvements, and better support families in meeting their feeding goals. Without it, partners across maternal and child health lose a key source of insight to inform decision-making and track progress. To further strengthen its impact, we support continued enhancements that reflect the full scope of infant feeding experiences, including:

- Measures that capture referral connections to community-based lactation support after discharge
- Opportunities to include patient experience and feeding goal discussions
- Stronger assessment of workforce training and evidence-based practices
- Consideration of equity and access across diverse populations

The Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition strongly supports the continuation of the mPINC survey as an essential public health tool. Ongoing data collection helps hospitals, public health professionals, and community organizations work together to improve care practices and ensure Nebraska families receive the support they need from birth and beyond.

Sincerely,
Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition