



February 1, 2024

Dear Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing to express our support of LB 913.

Last year, the Nebraska Legislature passed legislation extending postpartum care to women on Medicaid. LB 913 further extends the same coverage to women utilizing the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

As an organization deeply committed to advancing healthcare through medical research and education, we recognize the critical importance of ensuring comprehensive health services for mothers during the postpartum period. LB 913 aligns perfectly with our goal of advocating for public health initiatives that are grounded in scientific research and evidence-based practices.

Extending postpartum coverage is not just a healthcare imperative but also a public health strategy that can significantly impact the well-being of mothers and their children. Research has consistently shown that adequate postpartum care reduces the risk of health complications, supports mental health, and enhances the overall health outcomes for families. This legislative bill will ensure that more mothers have access to the necessary healthcare during this crucial period.

By supporting LB 913, we are taking a step towards a healthier Nebraska, where medical advancements and public health policies go hand in hand to improve the lives of its citizens. Nebraska Cures proudly advocates for this bill, recognizing its potential to make a significant difference in the lives of new mothers and their families.

We urge the legislature to pass LB 913, reinforcing Nebraska's commitment to the health and well-being of its residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Crouse". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Crouse

Nebraska Cures Board President