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**Washington's Newborn Screening Panel –  
Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)**

Washington State Board of Health

Public Hearing

October 9, 2013

## SCID – The Disease

- Congenital lack of functional immunity
- Lethal due to severe, recurrent infections
- David Vetter – the boy in the bubble



## SCID – Treatment

- Stem cell transplant
  - Gene therapy
- Can cure SCID
  - But many babies are very sick at diagnosis



## SCID – Screening

- Allows diagnosis before illness = more cures
- Can be done on standard newborn screening specimen
- Is very cost effective
- Recommended nationally by HHS in 2010

## SCID – Timeline in Washington

<b>February 2012</b>	Joint Advisory Committee convened
<b>June 2012</b>	Board approves recommendation to add SCID to mandated panel, implement contingent on sustainable funding
<b>June 2013</b>	Legislative request for fee increase approved

## SCID Rule – Comments Received

- Supportive comments have been received from several stakeholders including:
  - Seattle Children's – UW Medicine
  - Immune Deficiency Foundation

## SCID – Next Steps

- If adopted by the Board, implementation will begin no later than February 2014 but will be...
- Targeted to January 2014 when the Health Care Authority will begin coverage of screening cost for Medicaid births



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