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Newborn Screening Rule Revision

Washington State Board of Health
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Purpose

- To update the State Board of Health (SBOH) on new legislation regarding newborn screening
- Explain rulemaking necessary to align with statutory changes
- To present timeline for process
- Address any questions

Rules and Regulations

- Newborn screening – Chapter 70.83 RCW
- Newborn screening – Chapter 246-650 WAC

Existing Section

- Section 70.83.020 RCW, titled “Screening tests of newborn infants”
- Duty of Department of Health (DOH) to require screening tests
- Test for metabolic disorders as defined by SBOH
- Right of refusal based on religious ground

Legislative Changes

- DOH must conduct tests
- Adds out of hospital births (*home births, midwives, midwife clinics*)
- Specifies time for collection of sample (*< 48 hours*)
- Specifies time for transit after collection (*< 72 hours*)
- Time parents are notified reported by health care providers to DOH
- Annual DOH reporting to the public (*sunset 2020*)
 - Compliance with timeline set in 70.83 RCW
 - Extent to which health care providers are informing parents of results

Rule Revisions

- Amend rules to reflect statute changes
- Exception rule making process

Rule Revision Timeline

Projected Date	Milestone/Activity
June 11	SBOH update
July 2	File CR102 with Code Reviser
August 13	SBOH hearing
August 14 – September 22	CR103 implementation plan
September 23	File CR103 with Code Reviser
September 26	Interested party notice
October 24	Rule effective (31 days after filing date)

Questions?

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