



DATE: March 11, 2015

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: NEWBORN SCREENING ANNUAL REPORT

Background and Summary:

In accordance with Chapter 246-650-040 WAC, the Department of Health must make annual reports to the Washington State Board of Health. The report is to include “(1) the costs of tests as charged by the Department; (2) the results of each category of tests, by county of birth and ethnic group, as reported on the newborn screening form and, if available, birth certificates; and (3) follow-up procedures and the results of such follow-up procedures.”

This year’s report provides detailed information on newborn screening during 2013, and summary information of test results from 2008-2012. Also included in a brief history of the beginning of newborn screening in our state and a summary of the dates when conditions were added to the screening panel. Data is presented in a series of tables and accompanying explanations. A copy of the executive summary is located under tab 5 of your packets.

The report will be posted on the program’s website in accordance with the rule. Lain Knowles, Director of the Newborn Screening Program at the Department of Health, will provide today’s briefing to the Board.

Recommended Board Action:

No action required.

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