

Chapter 70.83 RCW

PHENYLKETONURIA AND OTHER PREVENTABLE HERITABLE DISORDERS

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Notes:

Reviser's note: Powers and duties of the department of social and health services and the secretary of social and health services transferred to the department of health and the secretary of health. See RCW [43.70.060](#).

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Declaration of policy and purpose.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Washington to make every effort to detect as early as feasible and to prevent where possible phenylketonuria and other preventable heritable disorders leading to developmental disabilities or physical defects.

[1977 ex.s. c 80 § 40; 1967 c 82 § 1.]

Notes:

Purpose -- Intent -- Severability -- 1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW [4.16.190](#).

70.83.020

Screening tests of newborn infants.

(1) It shall be the duty of the department of health to require screening tests of all newborn infants born in any setting. Each hospital or health care provider attending a birth outside of a hospital shall collect and submit a sample blood specimen for all newborns no more than forty-eight hours following birth. **The department of health shall conduct screening tests of samples for the detection of phenylketonuria and other heritable or metabolic disorders leading to intellectual disabilities or physical defects as defined by the state board of health:** PROVIDED, That no such tests shall be given to any newborn infant whose parents or guardian object thereto on the grounds that such tests conflict with their religious tenets and practices.

(2) The sample required in subsection (1) of this section must be received by the department [of health] within seventy-two hours of the collection of the sample, excluding any day that the Washington state public health laboratory is closed.

[2014 c 18 § 1; 2010 c 94 § 18; 1991 c 3 § 348; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 27 § 1; 1967 c 82 § 2.]

Notes:

Purpose -- 2010 c 94: See note following RCW [44.04.280](#).

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Specialty clinics — Defined disorders — Fee for infant screening and sickle cell disease.

The department has the authority to collect a fee of eight dollars and forty cents from the parents or other responsible party of each infant screened for congenital disorders as defined by the state board of health under RCW [70.83.020](#) to fund specialty clinics that provide treatment services for those with the defined disorders. The fee may also be used to support organizations conducting community outreach, education, and adult support related to sickle cell disease. The fee may be collected through the facility where a screening specimen is obtained.

[2010 1st sp.s. c 17 § 1; 2007 c 259 § 8.]

Notes:

Severability -- Subheadings not law -- 2007 c 259: See notes following RCW [41.05.033](#).

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Report of positive test to department of health.

Laboratories, attending physicians, hospital administrators, or other persons performing or requesting the performance of tests for phenylketonuria shall report to the department of health all positive tests. The state board of health by rule shall, when it deems appropriate, require that positive tests for other heritable and metabolic disorders covered by this chapter be reported to the state department of health by such persons or agencies requesting or performing such tests.

[1991 c 3 § 349; 1979 c 141 § 113; 1967 c 82 § 3.]

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Services and facilities of state agencies made available to families and physicians.

When notified of positive screening tests, the state department of health shall offer the use of its services and facilities, designed to prevent intellectual disabilities or physical defects in such children, to the attending physician, or the parents of the newborn child if no attending physician can be identified.

The services and facilities of the department, and other state and local agencies cooperating with the department in carrying out programs of detection and prevention of intellectual disabilities and physical defects shall be made available to the family and physician to the extent required in order to carry out the intent of this chapter and within the availability of funds.

[2010 c 94 § 19; 2007 c 259 § 7; 2005 c 518 § 938; 1999 c 76 § 1; 1991 c 3 § 350; 1979 c 141 § 114; 1967 c 82 § 4.]

Notes:

Purpose -- 2010 c 94: See note following RCW [44.04.280](#).

Severability -- Subheadings not law -- 2007 c 259: See notes following RCW [41.05.033](#).

Severability -- Effective date -- 2005 c 518: See notes following RCW [28A.500.030](#).

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Rules and regulations to be adopted by state board of health.

The state board of health shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter.

[1967 c 82 § 5.]

70.83.070**Screening tests of newborn infants — Suspicion of abnormality —
Notice to department. (Expires January 1, 2020.)**

In each instance in which the department of health notifies the infant's attending health care provider that the infant's screening test indicates a suspicion of abnormality, which may include an inadequate collection of a sample blood specimen, that requires further diagnostic evaluation, the attending health care provider shall notify the department of health of the date upon which the screening test results were disclosed by the attending health care provider to the parents or guardian of the infant.

[2014 c 18 § 2.]

Notes:

Expiration date -- 2014 c 18: "Sections 2 and 3 of this act expire January 1, 2020." [2014 c 18 § 4.]

70.83.080**Screening tests of newborn infants — Compliance with deadlines
established in RCW 70.83.020 — Annual report. (Expires January 1,
2020.)**

The department of health shall compile an annual report for public distribution regarding the compliance rate of hospitals at meeting the deadlines established under RCW [70.83.020](#) for newborn screenings. The report must include information related to the performance of each individual hospital. The annual report must also include information about the extent to which health care providers are promptly informing parents and guardians about infant screening tests that indicate a suspicion of abnormality that requires further diagnostic evaluation. The report must be made available in a format that does not disclose any identifying information related to any infant, parent, or guardian, or health care provider. The report must be posted in an accessible location on the department of health's web site.

[2014 c 18 § 3.]

Notes:

Expiration date -- 2014 c 18: See note following RCW [70.83.070](#).