



Date: August 14, 2019

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Thomas Pendergrass, MD, MSPH, Vice Chair

Subject: Rules Hearing – Newborn Screening Rulemaking for Pompe and MPS I – Chapter 246-650 WAC

Background and Summary:

The Washington State Board of Health (Board) has the duty under RCW 70.83.050 to define and adopt rules for screening Washington-born infants for heritable conditions. WAC 246-650-020 lists conditions for which all newborns must be screened. In order to determine which conditions to include in the newborn screening (NBS) panel, the Board convenes a technical advisory committee (TAC) to evaluate candidate conditions using an established set of criteria.

On April 26, 2017 and June 28, 2017 the Board and Department of Health (Department) convened a TAC to evaluate Pompe and mucopolysaccharidosis type I (MPS I) against the Board's criteria for possible inclusion in the NBS panel. Staff presented the TAC recommendations to the Board at the August 9, 2017 meeting and the Board passed a motion to initiate rulemaking to add Pompe and MPS I to the NBS panel. Board and Department staff filed the CR-102, Proposed Rule, on July 2, 2019.

I have invited Megan McCrillis from the Newborn Screening Program at the Department of Health, and Alexandra Montañó, Policy Advisor to the Board, to summarize comments that were received on the proposed rule and to provide staff recommendations on how to address the comments. Following their presentation we will hold a public hearing on the rule and discuss the proposed changes.

Recommended Board Action:

The Board may wish to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

The Board adopts the proposed amendments to chapter 246-650 WAC as published in WSR 19-14-103, and directs staff to file a CR-103 and establish an effective date.

Staff

Alexandra Montañó

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