

Washington State Board of Health

Petition for Rulemaking – Chapter 246-650 WAC, Newborn Screening, Arginase 1 Deficiency (ARG1-D)

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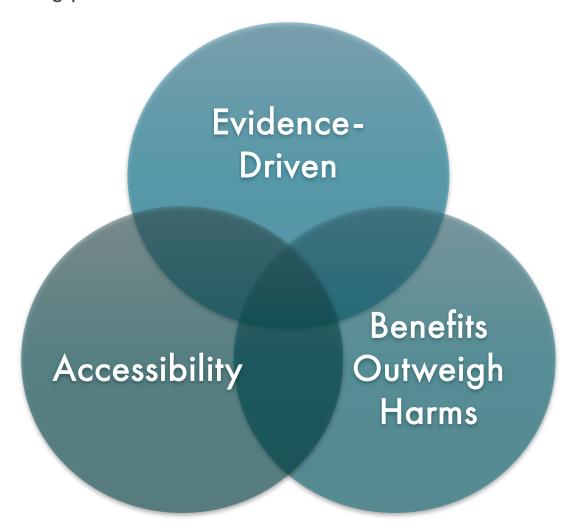
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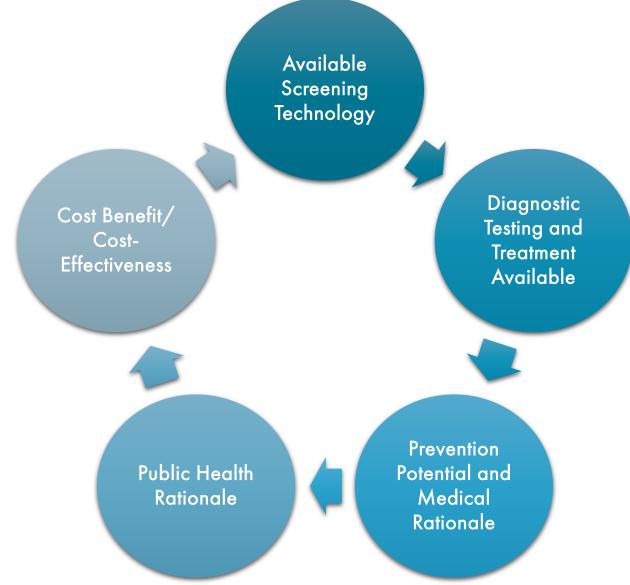


Board Policy for Newborn Screening

Three guiding principles govern all aspects of the evaluation of a candidate condition for possible inclusion in Washington's Newborn Screening panel:



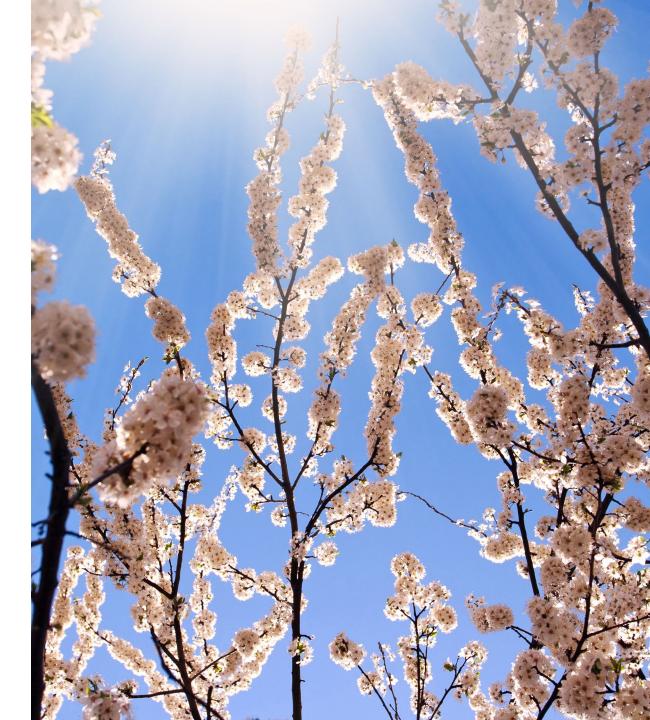
Five Newborn Screening Criteria



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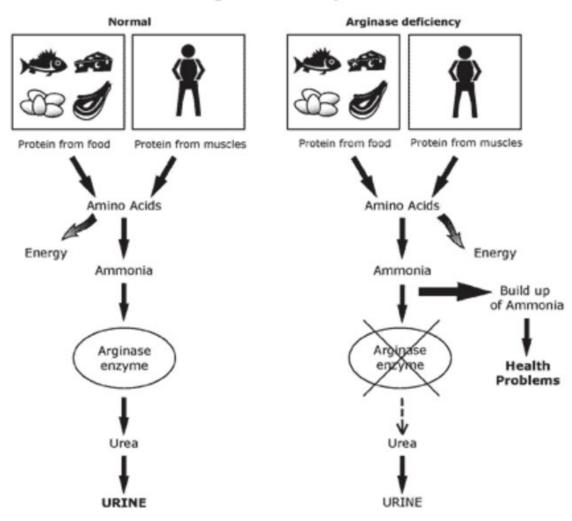
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- On March 29, 2023 the Board received a petition request to amend chapter 246-650 WAC to add ARG 1-D as a mandatory condition on the state's newborn screening panel
- The petition states that a diagnosis of ARG1-D at birth allows for immediate treatment to slow down/prevent severe symptoms from occurring rather than waiting until symptoms appear at a later age



What is ARG 1-D?

Arginase deficiency



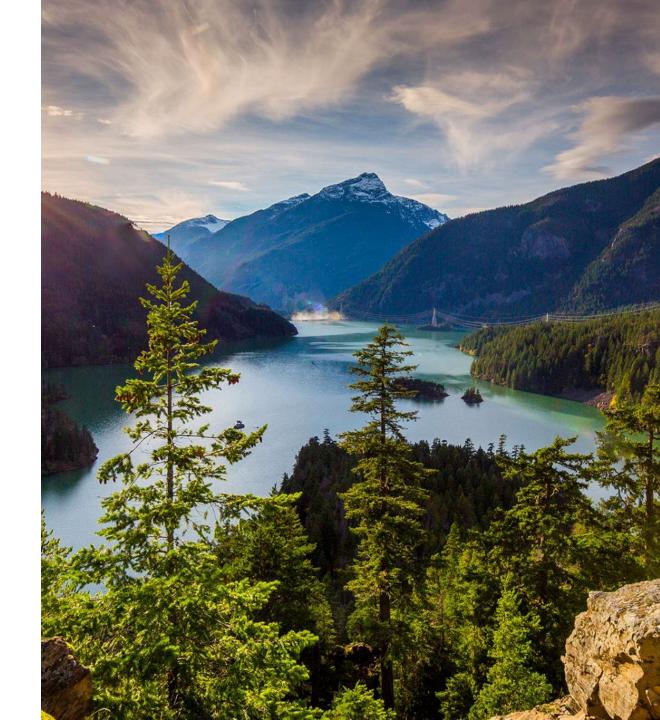
Source: Newbornscreening.info

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Considerations

Supplemental information from petition materials:

- ARG1-D is listed as a secondary condition on the Federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP)
- Washington is 1 of 17 states that does not require testing for ARG1-D
- The Washington newborn screening lab currently runs ARG1-D blood testing for Idaho



For Board Member Discussion

- Would the Board consider accepting or denying this petition? Why or why not?
- Do Board Members want to direct staff to conduct a preliminary review of the condition and return to the Board at an upcoming meeting? Or proceed to a TAC?
- Discussion and justification for the Board's decision will be included in the Board's determination letter to the petitioner.



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