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Sent Via Email

Dear Ms. Zahn:

Thank you for the rulemaking petition you submitted to the State Board of Health (Board) on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, requesting to amend Chapter 246-650 WAC to add Arginase 1 deficiency as a condition for newborn screening.

The Board met on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and after reviewing and discussing your petition, voted to deny your request at this time. The Board concluded that there was not enough information to accept the petition to begin rulemaking and instead instructed staff to follow the Board's process for evaluating candidate conditions.

The Board directed staff to work with the Department of Health to convene a technical advisory committee (TAC) to evaluate Arginase 1 deficiency using [the Board's process and criteria to evaluate conditions](#) for inclusion in WAC 246-650-020. Once convened, the same TAC will also evaluate another condition, GAMT deficiency, as previously requested by the Board. After the TAC completes its review of Arginase 1, staff will present its findings to the Board. The Board will then revisit whether to add Arginase 1 deficiency to the state's newborn screening list at that time.

Under RCW 34.05.330, a petitioner may appeal an agency's decision to deny a petition to repeal or amend a rule. An appeal must be made to the Governor within 30 days of denial.

If you require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Molly Dinardo, Health Policy Advisor in our office, at 564-669-3455 or at [Molly.Dinardo@sboh.wa.gov](mailto:Molly.Dinardo@sboh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Keith Grellner, Chair