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Sent Via Email

Dear Christine Zahn:

Thank you again for the rulemaking petition you submitted to the State Board of Health (Board) requesting to amend chapter 246-650 WAC to add Arginase 1 deficiency (ARG1-D) as a condition for newborn screening. The purpose of this letter is to follow up on your petition and provide an update on recent Board action.

As we mentioned in your April 2023 petition denial letter, the Board directed staff to work with the Department of Health (Department) to convene a technical advisory committee (TAC) to evaluate ARG1-D against the Board's five newborn screening criteria for inclusion in chapter 246-650 WAC. The TAC met on September 8th, 2023, and after presentations from subject matter experts, discussion, and voting, recommended that the Board add ARG1-D to the list of conditions for which all Washington-born newborns must be screened.

The Board and Department staff presented the TAC's recommendation at the Board's October 9th meeting. The Board agreed with the TAC's recommendation and directed staff to file a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, to initiate rulemaking for chapter 246-650 WAC. Board staff will soon file the CR-101 and begin work on this rulemaking.

We thank you for all the time and effort that you have put into this work. 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.

Sincerely,

Keith Grellner, Chair