



## Newborn Screening Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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**Start Date:** October 28, 2024

**End Date:** June 30, 2025 (tentative)

**Members:** See TAC Membership Addendum A

#### OBJECTIVE

Serve as an expert advisory committee on newborn screening for the Washington State Board of Health (Board). Review and recommend possible updates to the Board's current newborn screening process and criteria. Additionally, evaluate several candidate conditions for potential inclusion in the Washington State mandatory newborn screening panel and provide recommendations to the Board.

#### BACKGROUND

The Board establishes the rules for newborn screening in Washington, including deciding which conditions all newborns must be tested for at birth. To make these decisions, the Board assembles a multidisciplinary Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of family representatives and representatives from healthcare, social services, advocacy organizations, public health, and more. Using available evidence, the TAC then assesses candidate conditions using guiding principles and five newborn screening criteria to determine which conditions should be added to the panel.

#### KEY ACTIVITIES

This TAC is being convened to complete the following key activities:

- Review the Board's current newborn screening candidate condition review process and criteria and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Determine whether branched-chain ketoacid dehydrogenase kinase (BCKDK) deficiency meets the Board's criteria for newborn screening panel inclusion and provide a recommendation to the Board. This is a requirement of Senate Bill 6234 ([Chapter 105, Laws of 2024](#)).
- Determine whether congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) meets the Board's criteria for newborn screening and provide a recommendation to the Board. This is a requirement of Senate Bill 5829 ([Chapter 96, Laws of 2024](#)).
- Review other possible candidate conditions recently brought in front of the Board between 2024 and 2025.

#### TAC TIMELINES (Tentative)

- Meeting 1, Process and Criteria Review – Monday, October 28, 2024
- Meeting 2, BCKDK Deficiency Review – January 2025
- Meeting 3, cCMV Review – February 2025

#### COMMITTEE NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Be here now and stay purpose-oriented
- Listen for understanding; seek clarification and resist assumptions
- Appreciate the strength of diverse cultures and perspectives
- Engage respectfully; see with new eyes and hear with new ears
- Move up into a speaking role; move into a listening role
- Stay on topic and mind the time
- Assume positive intent; acknowledge and repair harms
- Try to avoid speaking with someone else is speaking
- Commit to using inclusive language in committee discussions and if possible, try to avoid using idioms or slang terms
- State your name each time you begin talking, and speak at a moderate pace to ensure language interpreters can appropriately translate what is being said
- Use acronyms where possible after introducing technical terms or proper nouns and encourage other committee members to do the same.



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#### DECISION MAKING

- Proposed voting methods: This committee will use anonymous voting via Microsoft Forms and open discussion of results to inform committee decisions and recommendations.
- Proposed Primary or Alternative Member voting: Both primary and alternative TAC Members may attend these meetings, however, if both are in attendance the primary TAC member will be responsible for speaking and voting during the meeting. The alternative member only speaks and votes when the primary is not in attendance.

#### INFORMATION SHARING

The Newborn Screening TAC planning team will:

- Email and post meeting materials at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.
- Email updates and notices to TAC members and designated alternatives.
- Post information on the Newborn Screening Criteria Review Project webpage.

#### RESOURCES/REFERENCE MATERIALS

- [Chapter 246-650 WAC](#) – Newborn Screening.
- Washington State Board of Health [Process to Evaluate Conditions for Inclusion in the Required Newborn Screening Panel](#).
- Washington Department of Health [Newborn Screening Webpage](#)